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SECRET.

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE.

Crime Department—Special Branch.

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(The Officer to whom this File is addressed is responsible for its safe custody.)

SUBJECT Frank Fahy. of Glenatalla. Loughrea.

R.I. CONSTABULARY
Received
11 JAN. 1918
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Date 12 Dec. 1917.

Age 40. 5ft 8. Dark complexion
Grey eyes. Reg nose, dark hair &
moustache. Teacher.

Son of local N.T. brother now resides
at Glenatalla. Teacher in Castle Knock
College. Married Miss Barton of
Cloghbrien. Tralee.

"Capt" in I Vols. 1915. associate of
Wm Mellowes in Galway. July 1915 -
Second in command at Four Courts.
Dublin – got P.S. for 10 years.
Released & went to Tralee June 1917.
at Clare election July 17. then at
Salthill & Loughrea.
Spoke at meetings in Kerry. 31/7/17.
& at Loughrea 1/11/17. – language
seditious.
Is believed to be the SF. candidate
next election South Galway.

Howth 16. 12. 17

Please note and return.

The local Sergeant should be
directed to ascertain discreetly
if it is the case that this
man has returned to teach
at Castleknock College.

A A Roberts CI

DI Howth

Card

In 2/1/18

CI. Howth.

It is now stated above named
has returned to his position as
Teacher at Castleknock college;
so note of his history is given
across.
He has been a suspect for years.

L. E. Holmes
CI for IG

CC. DMP.

Transmitted for information.

L. E. Holmes
CI for IG
27. 12. 17

Supt. Edm
Dun 28/12

Noted.

Owen Brien
Supt. 31/12/17

The Inspector General,
Transmitted.
W. Edgeworth-Johnstone
31/12/17

(6138.) Wt.2679—2.5000.7/15.A.T.&Co.,Ltd.

Howth 23rd. 12/17

I beg to report that Frank Fahy has returned to his position as teacher in Castleknock College.

He lives at Island Bridge (City) & travels to & from Castleknock daily.

So far nothing suspicious concerning his movements has been observed.

R Barrington Sgt.

Supt.

Howth 24. 12. 17

Submitted

A watch will be kept on this man.

A A Roberts

The Inspr General

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The Inspector General,

Transmitted.

H Quinn
A.C.

21/8/17

25/8

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7. Fahy

County of Kerry

R. I. Constabulary Office
Received
21 AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle

Suspects ~~Thomas Ashe~~ and Frank Fahy

R. I. Constabulary Office
Received
25 AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle

Tralee 18th August 1917

Transmitted for report please

J A Britten
1 D.I. for C.I. sick

D.I.

Tralee 19th Aug 1917

For report please.

J Duffy H.C. 53421 for D.I. [illegible]

Ser O'Rourke.

Tralee 20:8:17

I beg to report that neither of these men has returned to this County. According to a report received from Castlegregory Ashe was supposed to be residing at Exchequer street Dublin on 14th Inst

Thos O'Rourke Sgt 54362

The D.I.

Tralee 20:8:17

Submitted

J Duffy H.C. 53421 for D.I. at P.S.

C.I.

Tralee 20:8:17

Submitted in connection with file attached

J A Britten 1 D.I. for C.I. sick

The I.G.

CCDMP.
Ashe has been arrested.
Frank Fahy (of Loughrea & Dublin, married to a Tralee girl) probably is now in Dublin
Has he come under notice?

J E Edwards

CI for IG
21/8/17

Supt. G Div
[illegible] 22/8

Noted.
Fahy returned here from Tipperary on 20th Inst.
Owen Brien
Supt 24/8

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Crime Special

Suspects Thomas Ashe and Frank Fahey

Co Cork ER

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
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17 AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

R.I. CONSTABULARY
Received.
12 AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Mallow 10th August '17

I beg to submit copies of deciphered telegrams received and sent by me relative to above named suspects who arrived by 2 15 Pm train Ex Tralee and left by 4 27 Pm Cork Train on 9th Inst. Fahey answered description given by Dist. Inspr Tralee in every respect and he was the only gentleman accompanied by a lady that got off the Kerry train

Ashe's description was not sent but he was ciphered here on 4th Inst from Limerick Junction and from here to Tralee and arrived there and the same man was in company of Fahey and a lady who had some luggage

The
Dist Inspr

John Donoghue
Con 59843

C.I. Bandon
Transmitted as possibly they are going to Clonakilty.
12/8/17

Mallow 10th Aug. 17.
Submitted
C.I.
F. J. Smyth DI

C.I. Tralee
For information & report.
17/8/17

Cork 11. 8. 17.

I beg to report that these people were not observed to arrive in Cork by the train indicated, and although careful

The C.I.

K / 5264

careful inquiry has been made throughout the City no trace of them can be found.

A. Young
Sgt 48585.

Cork 11. 8. 17.
Submitted.

C. Walsh
D.I. for C.I.
on leave

The I.G.

Bandon 14 : 8 : 17
For report, please

T. Tweedy
C.I.

D.I. Clonakilty

Clonakilty 15 8/17

I beg to report that these people were not noticed in Clonakilty on 12th inst. or since that date.

M Keany H Const
53643
for D.I. at P.S.

The County Inspector

Bandon 16th August 1917
Submitted -

T. Tweedy
C.I.

The Inspr. General

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(Inland Telegrams.)

No. of Telegram

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

OHMS

Words.

Charge.

Sent
Received
At 3 15 P M.
To on 9:8:17
By

hen a reply is to be prepaid, write the words "Reply Paid" in the space below. These words are not charged for.

TO { Dist Inspr Consty Mallow — 8

By two fifteen train to you suspect Thomas Ashe
and Frank Fahey Latter wore grey tweed suit Fawn
soft hat and overcoat; blue collar, accompanied by wife

12 words, ncluding he words in the address, 9D. Every dditional word, $\frac{1}{2}$D.

FROM { Dist Inspr Tralee

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A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

OHMS

Words.

Charge.

Sent

At 4 50 P M.

To on 9:8:17

By

When a reply is to be prepaid, write the words "Reply Paid" in the space below. These words are not charged for.

TO R.I.C. Policeman on duty Glanmire Ry Station

By train now suspect: T Ashe and F. Fahey Ashe wearing blue suit, Fahey wearing grey, tweed suit, Fawn hat and overcoat; accompanied by wife

12 words, including the words in the address, 9D. Every additional word, ½D.

FROM L.D.I. Mallow

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
OHMS

Words.

Charge.

Sent
At 10 50 P M.
To On 9: 8: 17
By ____

A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.

hen a reply is to be prepaid, write the words "Reply Paid" in the space below. These words are not charged for.

TO R. I. C. Policeman on Duty Mallow Rail

Ashe and Fahey did not arrive here

12 words, including the words in the address, 9D. Every additional word, ½D.

FROM D. I. Cork South

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Crime Special

Suspects Frank Fahy and Thos. Ashe

County of Kerry
Tralee 13. 8. '17

I beg to report that these suspects have not returned to Tralee since, and I cannot say if they have been picked up elsewhere. Ashe is supposed to be coming to Castleisland on 15th. inst. to attend the Feis.

Francis J. McKenna A.S. 58789

The D.I.

Tralee 14th August 1917

Submitted.

Duffy H.C. 53421 for D.I. on leave.

C.I.

Tralee 15: 8: 17

Report if Ashe or Fahy were at Castleisland on 15th. Inst.

T. Walsh
D.I. for C.I. Sick

D.I.
Tralee 17. 8 - 17.

For report please.

Duffy H.C. 53421 for D.I. on leave

H.C.
Castleisland 18. 8. '17.

I beg to report that above named men did not arrive here nor attend the Feis on 15th inst. Ashe sent a wire (from where I do not know) to the Feis Committee that he could not attend. His telegram was read for the public at the opening of the Feis on 15th. inst.

James McCaffrey S 53385 for H.C. on temporary duty.

D.I.

Tralee 19th Aug 1917.

Submitted.

C.I.

J Duffy H.C. 52401 for D.I. [illegible]

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram ______

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent

At 2. 35 p. M.

To on 9. 8. 17

By ______

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

R. I. Constabulary

(*Signature*) F.J. McKenna A.I.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

O District Inspector
Constabulary, Mallow

By two fifteen train to you suspects Thomas Ashe and Frank Fahy, latter wore grey tweed suit, fawn soft hat and overcoat, blue collar, accompanied by his wife.

ROM District Inspector, Tralee

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(E.) Sent by members of an officer's family, or others, on that officer's behalf.

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Crime Special

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Suspects Frank
Fahy and Thos.
Ashe

County of Kerry
Tralee 9. 8. '17

I beg to report that the above named suspects left here by 2.15 p.m. train on this date.

Fahy produced the return halves of two tickets issued from Kingsbridge to Tralee, but spoke to some of the Railway Officials about going to Cork. He was accompanied by his wife.

I was unable to ascertain where Ashe took the ticket for as he only joined the train at the last moment.

As I was not quite sure of their destination I ciphered both to Mallow. I attach deciphered copy of wire sent.

Francis J. McKenna A.S. 58781

The D.I.

Tralee 10: 8: 17

Submitted

J Duffy

{ H.C. 53421 for D.I.
on leave

D.I.
Mallow 11: 8: 17

For report.

F. D. Smyth
1 D.I.

Const Fallon.

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Mallow 11. 8. 17

I beg to state that a man answering the ~~d~~ description of Fahy in every particular arrived here on 9th inst by 4.4 Pm Kerry train, and left to Cork by 4.27 Pm train he was accompanied by Thomas Ashe who was ciphered from here to police in Tralee on 4th inst.

They did not arrive in Cork by the train indicated but probably got off at Blarney or some other station on the way.

Const Donoghue who was on duty on the occasion has already made a report about those two men.

Thomas Fallon Con 61,321

The D.I. Mallow 11: 8: 14.

Transmitted

F. I. [illegible]

1 D.I.

D.I. Tralee

Tralee 12th Aug 1917

Have these suspects returned to Tralee or have they been picked up elsewhere since?

J Duffy H.C. 52401 for D.I. Donleavy

Ser O Rourke

Tralee 13: 8: 17

I beg to report that these men have not so far returned to this sub Dist. they have not been picked up yet so far as I know

Thos O Rourke Sgt 52436

The D.I. Tralee 13: 8: 17

C.I.

Submitted J Duffy H.C. 52401 for D.I. Donleavy

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Suspect Frank Fahy

Secret & Crime Special

(C.I.)

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R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
28 JUL 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Co Galway E R

Craughwell 25. 7. 17

I beg to report that the above named suspect arrived here today at 12 40 pm on a car accompanied by his wife and both left by the 1. 25 pm train for Limerick

I am informed that Fahy came from his father's place at Glenathallion Kilcreest Sub Dist where he has been staying for sometime

Attached is a copy of cipher wire sent to the District Inspector R. I. C. Limerick

Daniel Devine
Con 59536

HC O'Sullivan

Craughwell 25.7.1917.

Submitted. J. O'Sullivan H.C. 45986.

The District Inspector.

Athenry 26:7:1917

Submitted
M Gilcorly
3 D.I.

C. I.

Ballinasloe 27 : 7 : 17

Submitted. Fahy has probably gone to the County Kerry where his wife is a native of.

E M Clayton
C.I.

Insp General

C.I. Tralee.

Transmitted.

J. E. Edwards

28/7/17

C.I. [illegible]

hm 1/8

Tralee 30th July 1917 19

Transmitted -

1 D.I. for C I sick

D.I. Tralee 31st July 1917.

For report. Has Fahy returned to his father-in-laws place?

J Duffy H.C. 53421.
for D.I. on leave

Sgt O'Rourke

Tralee 31:7:17

I beg to report that Fahy returned to Tralee by 2.5 pm train from Limerick on 26th Inst, and is at present at his fatherinlaws Daniel Barton Clogherbrien Tralee

Thos O'Rourke Sgt 54362

The D.I.

Tralee 31:7:17

Submitted

J Duffy {H.C. 53421 for D.I. on leave}

C.I.

Tralee 31:7:17

Submitted

1 D.I. for C I sick

The I.G.

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram ______

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. O. H. M. S. Copy of Deciphered wire	Words.	Sent At ______ .M. To ______ By ______

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

R I C

(*Signature*) LD Devine

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

25 7 17

TO The District Inspector R I C Limerick

By	last	train	to	you
suspect	Frank	Fahy		

FROM Const Devine Craughwell

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- (D.) Requesting leave of absence.
- (E.) Sent by members of an officer's family, or others, on that officer's behalf.

Name and Address of Sender. (FOR REFERENCE ONLY.) ....

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram — 22

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent

At 11:30a. M.

To 26/7

By '17.

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

R I C

(Signature J. Walsh Sergt

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO{ District Inspector Constabulary Tralee.

To	You	by	11 a.m.	train
Suspect	Frank	Fahy	and	wife.

FROM{ District Inspector, Constabulary, Limerick.

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(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram 24

Office of Origin and Service Instructions. O. H. M. S.	Words.	Recd ~~Sent~~ At -3P.M. To 25 By 7/17.	I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the (*Signature*

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { The Dist Inspr R.I.C. Limerick.

By	last	train	to	you
Suspect	Frank	Fahy.		

FROM { Const Divine Craughwell.

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the Space provided at the Back of the Form.

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(D.) Requesting leave of absence.

(E.) Sent by members of an officer's family, or others, on that officer's behalf.

Name and Address of Sender.
(FOR REFERENCE ONLY.) ....
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R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received.
1 - AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Crime Special

Suspect Frank Fahy

County of Limerick City

Limerick 27: 7: 17

I beg to report that the above named suspect arrived in Limerick by 4.20 p.m train from Craughwell on evening of the 25th inst. and left by 11 am train to Tralee on following day "26th"
During his stay here he put up at Dalys where he met a few of the leading suspects. This man was accompanied by his Wife.
Their departure from here was notified by cipher wire to D.I. Tralee Copies of decipher of wires attached.

J. Walsh
Sergt. 55471

H. E. W. Yates Esqr. C.I.

Limerick 28: 7: 17
Transmitted for your information to be then submitted to I.G.

Co. Inspector

C.I. Tralee 30: 7: 17
Transmitted in connection with file $\frac{158}{50818}$ 28.7.17 herewith

1.D.I. for C.I. sick

D.I.
Tralee

Tralee 31st July 1917

For your information. File $\frac{158}{80618}$ S $\frac{R}{6347}$
28-7-17 herewith.

J Duffy H.C. 53421 For D.I. on leave.

Sgt O'Rourke

Tralee 31 : 7 : 17

Noted.

Thos O'Rourke Sgt 54362

The D.I.

Tralee 31 : 7 : 17

Submitted.

J Duffy H.C. 53421 For D.I. on leave

C.I.

Tralee 31 : 7 : 17

Submitted"

G. K. [illegible]
1 D.I. for C.I. sick

The I.G.

P.
6363

Secret & Crime Special.

Suspect.
Frank. Fahy

Co. of Galway E.R.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
7 - AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle
CR. SPECIAL BRANCH

28

Kilcreest. 4: 8: '17.

I beg to report that the above named has left this sub Dist. and is gone to reside for a short time near Tralee where his wife belongs to. He is then to return to Dublin to Castleknock College where he was formerly employed as Teacher. This man was sentenced to 10 years Penal servitude for the part he took in the Rebellion in Dublin and was released a short time ago. Since his arrival here he has conducted himself well

The D.I.

R. Cunningham
Co. 55,400

Loughrea 5:8:'17
Submitted.

This man has made himself very busy spreading the Sinn Fein movement during his stay in this District. He is well known in Tralee near which his wife's people reside

CI

D.I.

Ballinasloe 6 : 8 : 17

Submitted with reference to report on this Subject submitted to Head Quarters on 27:7:17

EMClayton CI.

Insp. General

158/80567 S

G/3017

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R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
20 JUL. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

SECRET & CRIME SPECIAL.

S.
5628
D.M.P.

COUNTY OF GALWAY, W.R.
County Inspector's Office,
Galway, 19th July, 1917.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
3 - AUG. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

SUSPECT FRANK FAHEY, - RELEASED REBEL.

Submitted.

G. B. Ruttledge
County Inspector.

The
Inspector General.

II.

Supt. G. Divn
Dam 23/7.

I.

C. C. D.M.P.
Transmitted

P. G. C. Flower
A.I.G.
20/7/17

IV

The Inspector General,
Transmitted.

W. Johnstone
CC. 2/8/17

III

Noted. Fahey was not observed to arrive here by train indicated, and no trace of him has since been found in the City.

Owen Brien
Supt. 2/8/17

The Chief Commr

P./6299

Crime Special

Released Rebel Suspect Frank Fahey

31

County of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 10:7:17.

I beg to report on this date the above-named, accompanied by his wife, left here by 12.45 pm. train for Galway on this date

He was seen off from the station by James Flynn, Loughrea an advanced local Sinn Feiner.

He is a native of Lurgan Kilreekil Sub District where his people resides, and where he is also residing since his arrival here from Kerry on the 3rd Inst.

He was dressed in a bright grey suit and white straw hat; ~~when leaving here on this date.~~ Copy of wire sent in connection with him attached.

M Magner
Con. 62456.

The D.I.

Loughrea 11:7:17

Submitted

D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 12:7:17

Fahey is a native of Glenatallan (not Lurgan as stated) and his address while there should not be confounded with that of Patrick Fahy Lurgan, Peterswell Sub-district, a released rebel who was sentenced to ten years penal servitude in connection with the rebellion. Give a full description of Frank Fahey, and forward this file direct to the DI at Galway.

S. H. Lea

D.I. Loughrea

DI for Co Inspector

32

Loughrea 13: 7: 7
The following is a description of Frank Fahey:— Grey eyes, Reg. nose. Dark complexion Round face, Stout make. Dark hair. Dark moustache. 5 ft. 8 in in height & c. 40 yrs of age. This man is known to the C.S Staff at Galway. He is likely staying at Salthill

D.I. Galway.

District Inspector's Office
Galway 15: 7: 1917

Transmitted

Sgt Reilly Salthill El Shedebrund D.I.
17/7/17

I beg to report that Fahey came to Salthill on 10th inst, and stayed at "Kilcorkey Lodge" here, until this date, when he left for Broadstone by 12.40 pm train.

He stated he was going to Dublin and intended proceeding subsequently to Belfast.

During the week he was here, he did not associate with local "Sinn Feiners" but seemed to take a delight in relating his participation in the "Easter Week" rebellion.

He was accompanied by his wife who left with him today.

I beg to attach a copy of deciphered wire sent by Sgt Clarke, Galway, respecting Fahey.

Banard Reilly S 52610

The D Inspr., Galway.

District Inspector's Office
Galway 18: 7: 1917

Submitted

The C.I.

El Shedebrund D.I.

A° 33

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram ______

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	Sent	
O. H. M. S.	Sent	At 2 p .M. To m 17.7.17 By ______	I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the Constabulary (*Signature*) J Clarke Sgt

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { Dast Dublin

To Broadstone by twelve forty pm train suspect Francis Fahy ex rebel prisoner

FROM { Sergt Clarke Galway

The **Name** and **Address** of the **Sender**, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form.

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A o Prefix ____ Code Copy

No. of Telegram ____

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O.H.M.S.

h. at 1-15 Pm. on 10:4:17

Words. ____

Sent

At ____ M.

To ____

By ____

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the R. I. Constabulary

(Signature) M. Magner Const.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

Dated Stamp.

TO { Sergeant Clarke. Galway.

By last	train	to you.	Suspect	Frank
Fahey				

FROM { Constable Magner. Loughrea

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O/5017 158 A/80567 Crime Special B/6322

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received.
22 JUL. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Suspect Frank Fahey released Rebel 37

County of Galway E. R.

Loughrea 18: 7: 17.

I beg to report the above named accompanied by his wife, arrived here on yesterday the 17th Inst. by the 5 Pm. train from Galway. He put up at Suspect Peter Sweeney's Athenry Road where he remained till 9½ Pm. He was visited by Suspect Bernard Fallon of Moore St. while at Sweeney's who subsequently accompanied him towards his home at Glenatallan Kilcreest Subdistrict.

M. Wagner
Con. 63456

The D.I.

Loughrea 19: 7: 17

Submitted.

D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 20: 7: 17

Transmitted for information

E W Clayton
D.I.

C.I. Galway

County Inspector's Office,
Galway, 21st July, 1917.

Submitted in connection with report forwarded on 19th inst, in which it was stated that this suspect was believed to have left for Dublin.

E B Rutledge
County Inspector.

The Inspector General.

Crime Special

219 s
80313 ....
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Suspect Frank Fahy

Tralee 18th July 1917.

Submitted

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
19 JUL 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
24 JUL 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

J Duffy HC 52401 for D.I. Donleavy

To County Inspector

Tralee 18 : 7 : 17

Submitted.

Hugh O'H. Hill
CI

The I.G.

C.I., Tralee,

The police at Salthill report that Fahy turned up there on 10th, where he stayed until 17th, when he left for Dublin.

R. G. C. Flower
A. I.G.

21/7.

Tralee 23 : 7 : 17

Read & copied.

Hugh O'H. Hill
C.I.

The I.G.

hw
24/7

Suspect
Frank Fahy

219/80313 S Crime Special

39

County of Kerry

Tralee 2. 7. '17.

I beg to report that the above-named released rebel left here by 12.25 pm. train for Limerick on this date. The object of his journey is unknown but I believe he will go on to Ennis to assist in the East Clare election campaign. Fahy was accompanied by his wife.

I attach deciphered copy of cipher wire sent to Limerick.

Francis J McKenna A.S. 58789

Sgt. O'Rourke

Tralee 2: 7: 17

Submitted.

Thos O Rourke Sgt 54,362

C.I. Tralee.
Transmitted
Was in Limerick on 3rd inst with suspect Diarmuid Lynch of Cork & was at Daly's house.

CI/ml 9
13/7/17

HC

D.I.

Tralee 2: 7: 17

Submitted.

Duffy

H.C. 53421 for D.I. on leave

D.I.

Ennis

Ennis 3/7/17

Transmitted: wire recd from Limerick at 5:30pm attached

T. P. B Townsend DI

Sgt Con Connell

Ennis 10: 7: 17

I beg to report that above named arrived here by the 6.5 P.M. train on 3:7:17

and put up at the Old Ground Hotel where he joined a number of Sinn Feiners for the purpose of assisting in the canvass for De Velara Sinn Fein Candidate.

Joseph Connell Const. 59578

The Dist. Inspr.

Ennis 10/7/17

Submitted

I.B. Townsend
10/7

C.I.

Ennis 12:7:17

Submitted. Fahy left Ennis by 6 28 pm train on 11:7:17. While in Ennis he spent his time with extreme Sinn Feiners canvassing voters for E. De Valera in the Sinn Fein interests.

I.B. Townsend for C.I.
on
Duty.

J.G.

Tralee 14: 7: 17

Transmitted – Has Fahy returned to Tralee

Hugh O'Connell
D.I.

D.I. Tralee 15th July 1917.

Sgt
For report please.

J Duffy 2/HC 53401 for D.I. on leave

Ser O'Rourke

Tralee 18 : 7 : 17

I beg to report that Fahy has not so far returned to Tralee. It is probable that he may have gone back to Dublin as teacher at St. Enda's College Dublin.

Thos O'Rourke Sgt 54362

The D.I.

Ao

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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No. of Telegram 41

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent

At 12. 40p .M.

To on 2. 7. 17

By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

R. I. Constabulary

(*Signature*) F. J. McKenna A.S.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { District Inspector
Constabulary, Limerick

By twelve twenty five p.m. train to you Frank Fahy released rebel, wore fawnish tweed suit, white straw hat, accompanied by wife.

FROM { District Inspector, Tralee.

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Name and Address of Sender. (FOR REFERENCE ONLY.) ....

A 8. (5187.) Wt. 31851-1484. 2,000,000. 11/14. Wy. & S., Ltd. Sch. 49.

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No. of Telegram______

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent

At______.M.

To______

By______

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the 43

(*Signature*)______

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO D.I. R.I.C. Ennis

By	train	now	Frank	Fahy
Tralee	released	rebel	five	feet
eight	thirty	straw	hat	waterproof
coat	accompanied	by	wife	

FROM D.I. R.I.C. Limerick

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Name and Address of Sender. (FOR REFERENCE ONLY.) ....

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(5922) Wt. 14882-1706. 500,000. 8/11. Wy. & S., Ltd. **Sch. 49.**

Released Sinn Fein Prisoners

Crime Special

Frank Fahy

Co. Tipperary S.R.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
27 JUN. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Limerick Junction 24:6:1917

I beg to report that some Sinn Fein prisoners amongst whom was Suspect "Frank Fahey" passed here on yesterday evening by the 6.23pm train towards Tralee. I was also informed that "Suspect J. J. Walsh of Cork was in that train going to Cork none of them got out here; Fahey had a Sinn Fein flag which he held out of the Carriage window there was no demonstration of welcome to them here; and the only person who spoke to Fahey was a Son of P. J. Moloneys Sinn Feiner, Tipperary who was here meeting a friend of his.

I would have ciphered to Tralee were it not that one of the post Office Clerks here was on the platform at the time, and he knew Fahey and where he was going to; consequently I thought it advisable not to do so, as it would be making it quiet plain who the wire was sent about,

J. Cadigan Const 58766

D.I.

Tipperary 25.6.17.
Submitted.
D.I.

C.I.

Clonmel 26. 6. 1917
Submitted
W. H. Langhorne

Inspr General

Co. Inspr

314 S ....

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1549 S

Detective Department,
D. M. Police,
7th September, 1915.

Secret

SUSPECT FRANK FAHY.

With reference to this file I beg to report that suspect Frank Fahy arrived at Kingsbridge at 12.30 p.m. 30th ultimo as ciphered by Constable Cadigan, Limerick Junction. He was accompanied by suspect J. J. O'Connell and another man whose identity has not been established. They were all in Irish Volunteer uniform.

Geo Love,
Inspector.

The Supt., G. Division.

The Inspector General R.I.C.
Transmitted
Fergus Quinn
A. Commr. 7/9.

Submitted.
Owen Brien
Supt
7. 9. 15

The Chief Commr

8/9

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To be affixed by the Sender.
Any Stamp for which there is not room here should be affixed at the back of this form.

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A Receipt for the Charges on this Telegram can be obtained, price One Penny.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
Copy decipher

Words.

Charge.

Sent
Recd
At 11. 30 am M.
To 30/8/15
By

When a reply is to be prepaid, write the words "Reply Paid" in the space below. These words are not charged for.

TO { Damp Dublin

Frank Fahy suspect by 9. 20 am
train accompanied by two others
all wearing Irish Volunteer Uniform

12 words, including the words in the address, 6D. Every additional word, ½D.

FROM { Const. Cadigan, Limerick Junction

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1. The charge for transmission will cover the cost of delivery from the usual Delivery Office:—

(*a*) If the address is within three miles from the usual Delivery Office, or within the limits of the Town Postal delivery of that Office (when it is a Head Post Office) if that delivery extends to more than three miles.

(*b*) If the Sender desires it to be forwarded by Post from the Terminal Telegraph Office and shall write the word "Post" before the Addressee's name, and at the end of the address the name of the Office at which the Telegram is to be posted.

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5. A Telegram can be repeated back from Office to Office throughout the course of transmission if the Sender desires to adopt this security against the risk of error. The charge for repetition (which must be paid when the Telegram is handed in) is one-half the charge for transmission, any fraction of a 1d. less than ½d. being reckoned as ½d. If containing mercantile quotations or code words a Telegram ought always to be repeated.

6. The Postmaster-General will not be liable for any loss or damage which may be incurred or sustained by reason or on account of any mistake or default in the transmission or delivery of a Telegram.

7. All applications respecting this Telegram must be made within three months from the date of its transmission.

Name and Address of Sender.
(FOR REFERENCE ONLY.) ....

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67900
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R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
2 - SEP. 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

"Suspect" Frank Fahey
Dublin

Crime Special

Co. Tipperary S.R.

Limerick Junction 30 : 8 : 15

I beg to report that the above named "Suspect" passed here this morning to Dublin by the nine twenty am train their were 2 more travelling with him; all wore the Irish Volunteer Uniform, and I was informed the 3 of them joined the train at Knocklong and held Single tickets to here, they were not Checked here, & I could not say where they held tickets to from here, but "Fahey" got out and asked a porter if that was the train to Dublin, meaning the one which they were travelling by.

I beg to attach transcript of Cipher wire sent.

T. Hadigan Con 58766

D.I.

Chief Commissioner
D.M.P.

For your information Fahy appears to have been attending the Irish Volunteer Camp in Co. Limerick since 21st inst.

I.G.
2/9/15

Supt. G. divn

Fergus Quinn
A. Commr 3/9.

Tipperary 31 Aug 1915.

Submitted.

Chas. E. Gormley
HC. 52493
For DI on leave.

The C.I.

Clonmel 1: 9: 1915

Submitted.

Please see file attached showing this man's arrival and his connection with the I.V. Camp.

W H Langhorne.

Co Inspr

The Inspr General

Co. Tipperary S.R.

District of Tipperary

Transcript of Cipher wire sent at 10.am on 30 : 8 : 1915

From - Const Cadigan L.K. Junction	To - Damp Dublin

Frank Fahey suspect by nine twenty am train; accompanied by two others, all wearing Irish volunteer Uniform

314 S
67900

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Suspect Frank Fahey.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
26 AUG 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Crime Special

Co Cork E R

Mallow 24. 8. 15

I beg to state that as Frank Fahey was not observed in Mallow, and may have left the train between Limerick Junction and here and the wire from the police at Limerick Junction only asked to have a look out kept for him here. I came to the conclusion that they were not sure he had travelled by the train in question, consequently I did not deem it necessary to Cipher to the police in Cork and Kerry.

Thos. Fallon Con 61,321

The D.I.

Mallow 24 8. 15

Submitted

CI F. H. Purcell DI

Yes at Gilbeys Cork

Cork 25. 8. 15.

Submitted. So far as can be learned Fahy did not come to Cork. I ciphered the County Inspector Tralee in connection with this matter as Fahy may have gone to Kerry.

C. A. Walsh

I.D.I. for C.I.
on Insp'n.

The I.G.

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Crime Special

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Suspect: Frank Fahey.

Co of Cork E.R.

Mallow 22: 8: 1915

I beg to submit copies of deciphered telegrams received and sent by me on 21: 8: 15 relative to above named suspect: whom I did not observe passing through here

The Dist Inspr

John Donoghue
Con 59843

Mallow 22. 8. 15

Submitted.

C.I.

F.J. Smyth D.I.

Mallow 24th Aug. 1915

For explanation.

F.J. Smyth
D.I.

Con Mallow

Cork 23.8.15.

Nothing seems to have been done to try and locate this suspect.

When he was not observed at Mallow why were the police at Cork and other places on the Kerry line not informed by cipher wires?

C. A. Walsh

1. D. I for C. I.
on Inspn

D.I.
Mallow.

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.
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No. of Telegram

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

~~Sent~~ Received

At 5: 55 P.M. on 21: 8: 15

To

By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(*Signature*)

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { The R. I. C Policeman on duty
Limes Mallow Rail

Look out for suspect Frank Fahey No Four
Mar B List on Two Thirty P m Train
from Dublin

FROM { Const Fox

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(E.) Sent by members of an officer's family, or others, on that officer's behalf.

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POST OFFICE (Inland Official TELEGRAPHS. Telegrams only.)

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No. of Telegram

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O.H.M.S.

Words.

Sent
At 7 P. M.
on 21 : 8 : 15
To
By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(*Signature*)

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { The R.I.C. Policeman on duty Limerick Junction

Frank Fahey suspect not observed passing here

FROM { D.I. Mallow

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Suspect Frank Fahy to Limerick Junction.

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COUNTY OF TIPPERARY S. R.

District Inspector's Office.

Tipperary, 27th day of Aug. 1915

Submitted. Please see report forwarded on 23rd inst.

Chas. E. Gormley
H.C. 5493
For D.I. on leave

The C.I.

Clonmel 28. 8. 1915

Has he been noticed passing through – on the return journey?

W. H. Langhorne
Co Inspr

D.I. Tipperary 29 Aug. 1915

For report please.

Chas. E. Gormley
H.C. 5493
For D.I. on leave

Const. Cadigan.

Limerick Junction 30: 8: 15

Please see report re. Faheys return attached.

J. Hadigan Con 58766

D. I.

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D.M.P.

Secret

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

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Detective Department,
Dublin, 23rd. August, 1915.

WAR "B" LIST, SUSPECT FRANK FAHY, TO LIMERICK JUNCTION.

I beg to report that Suspect Frank Fahy left Kingsbridge for Limerick Junction, by 2. 30 p. m. train on 21st. Inst.

His departure was notified by cipher telegram to Sergeant, R. I. C. there.

Geo Love.
Inspector.

The Supt. G Division.

Submitted.

Owen Brien
Supt
23. 8. 15

The Chief Commr.

The Inspector General R.I.C.,
Transmitted,
W. E. Johnstone
C. Commr. 23/8.

C.I. Clonmel,
For report. He was probably going to the Irish Volunteer Camp.

I. G. Holmes

C.I.
for D.I.G.
24/8/15

Clonmel 25: 8: 1915

For report please.

Was cipher received?

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John F. [illegible]
1st D.I.
For Clon Inspr

D.I. Tipperary

Tipperary 26 Aug 1915.

For report please.

Chas. E. Gormly
HC 5493
For D.I. on leave.

Sergt
Limerick Junction 27: 8: 15

I beg to report that Const Fox states he received "cipher wire" and has forwarded a decipher copy of it

I am informed that a man answering "Fahey's" description arrived in camp with the other volunteers, at Galbally on 21st 8: 15, and will probably return tomorrow

T. Cadigan Const 58766

D.I.

Suspect Frank Fahy.

No 4 Dublin war 'B' List.

COUNTY OF TIPPERARY S. R.

District Inspector's Office.

Tipperary, 31st day of Aug. 1915

Submitted. Please see file $\frac{314}{67900}$ S 24.8:15. herewith in reference to this suspect.

Chas. E. Gormly
H. 52493
For D.I. on leave

The C.I.

Suspect Frank Fahey
No. 4. Dublin. War B. List.

Crime—Special.

Hd.-Qrs. File No.__________S.

COUNTY OF Tipperary S.R.

Limerick. Junction 22:8:15.

I beg to submit attached copy of deciphered telegram recd. from Dublin in connection with above named suspect.

This man was not observed here coming of the 2. 30. p. m. train from Dublin as mentioned in wire, although Const. Canty and myself kept a sharp look out for him.

It is difficult to identify a man in such a short time from description given in War B. List.

J. Fox.
Con. 60008.

The
D. I.
Tipperary

23. 8. 15.

Is this man at the Mooreabbey camp?

D.I.

Sergt. Leovernane.

66

Lisvernane S. 24.8.15.

I beg to state that the Mooreabbey Camp of the Irish Volunteers left here on this morning for Kilfinane. It cannot be ascertained if this man was amongst the Party.

T. J. Rourke, Sgt 5624

The Dist Inspr

Tipperary 25 aug. 1915

Transmitted. Can it be ascertained if this man is at the I.V. Camp?

Chas. E. Gormley
HC 52493
For D.I. on leave

D.I. Kilfinane

Kilfinane 27.8:15

Transmitted

Jas. Reid DI

Sergt. Curtis

Ballylanders 28.8:15

I beg to state that there is a man named Fahey in the Volunteer Camp here, he is from Dublin, and is a teacher in Clonliffe College there I believe

Thomas J Curtis
Sgt 56381

The District Inspector.

Kilfinane 30.8:15

Transmitted

Jas. Reid DI

D.I. Tipperary

Co. Tipperary S.R.

S.R. Dist. of Tipperary

Transcript copy of cipher wire recd at 4.30 p.m. on 21:8:15.

From. Damp Dublin	To. Sergeant R. I. C. Limerick Junction

By two thirty p.m. train to Limerick-Junction. Suspect Frank Fahey. No. four on war B. List.

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DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE. — 68

Secret.

Detective Department,
Dublin, 25th. August, 1915.

SUSPECT FRANK FAHY.

I beg to report with reference to this file, that Suspect Frank Fahy was picked up here on 18th. Inst., and he left for Limerick Junction by 2. 30 p.m. train on 21st. Inst., as already reported.

Geo. Love.
Inspector.

The Supt. G Division.

The Inspector General R.I.C.
Transmitted.
Fergus Quinn
A. Commr. 25/8.

Does attach to file with U.S. re his Galway record

now away

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Suspect Frank Fahy

Crime—Special. 69

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21 AUG. 1915
Dublin Castle

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH
Received
21 AUG. 1915
Dublin Castle

Hd.-Qrs. File No. 158 S.
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D.M.P.

COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

ATHENRY, 18th Aug. 1915.

Transmitted.

Chas. Collins.
D.I.

D.I.

Loughrea 19. August 1915

Submitted.

Fahy has gone to Dublin & does not appear to have any intention of returning to Galway at present.

A McDonagh D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 20 : 8 : 15.

Submitted. ~~File 158/67333 S with~~ D.I. Loughrea will be duly submitted.

E.M. Clayton C.I.

The Insp. General

Chief Commissioner
D.M.P.
For information

L.E. Redhead
C.I.
for D.I.G.
21/8/15

Supt. G. divn

W.E. Johnstone
C. Comm. 23/8

Suspect Frank. Fahey

Co. Galway E.R.

Kilcreest 16: 8: 15

I beg to state that the above named left here for Athenry on yesterday 15th and has not returned His Brother states that he went to Dublin by the Special train and is not expected to return here.

K Cunningham
Ser 53400

The D.I.

Loughrea 16. 8. 915

Transmitted

R. McDonagh D.I.

D.I. Athenry.

ATHENRY, 17th Aug. 1915.

For report.

Chas. Collins.
2 D.I.

Const. Reynolds.

Athenry 18th Aug 1915

I beg to report that Suspect Frank Fahy did not visit Athenry on 15th inst. I am however informed that he cycled to Galway. It is quite possible he may have gone to Spiddal where Irish Sports, dances &c. were being held. I am reliably informed that Fahy's brother visited Athenry on 15th inst. and that he gave an overcoat to Larry Lardner in order that Lardner would give it to Frank Fahy when he would be returning by Special train from Galway to Dublin. I met Lardner running to catch the Special train with the coat but the train was then gone. Fahy's Coat is still with Lardner as the latter does not know Fahy's address in Dublin. presently

Crime—Special.

Suspect Frank Fahy, No. 4
Special War B List. D.M.P.

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COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Loughrea 14 : 8 : 15

The Sergt. at Kilcreest reports that above named suspect is intended to go to Athenry on to-morrow 15th inst. He is well known to your selected Const.

P. McDonagh
D.I.

D.I. Athenry.

ATHENRY, 15th Aug. 1915.

Transmitted

Chas. Collins
2 D.I.

Const. Reynolds.

Athenry 16th Aug 1915

I beg to report that I am informed the above named did not visit Athenry yesterday 15th, but I am told that his brother did.

C. Reynolds
Co. 55073

The D.I.

ATHENRY, 16th Aug. 1915.

Transmitted.

Chas. Collins
2 D.I.

D.I.
Loughrea.

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SECRET.

ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE. 73

Crime Department—Special Branch.

(The Officer to whom this File is addressed is responsible for its safe custody.)

SUBJECT Suspect Frank Fahy No. 4 on D.M.P. War List.

Date 23 Aug 1915

Under Secretary

Submitted for information. Frank Fahy is a teacher at the Castleknock College & went to his native County Galway for his vacation. When the expulsion order was served on Wm Mellowes who was organizing & drilling the Irish Volunteers in the County - the latter at once left, & Fahy appears to have taken on the work during the remainder of his holidays.

W. J. O'Connell
D. I. G.

Under Secretary
Submitted.
W. H.
24.8.15

Ch. Secy.
M. N.
24/8

I saw
August 25-15

I. G.
M. N.
26/8

ISD
27.8.15

(3831.) Wt.7277—11.5000.3/14.A.T.&Co.,Ltd.
(2663.) Wt.6613—74.5000.2/15.

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Subject Frank Fahey No. 4
on Special War "B" List - D.M.P.

Crime—Special.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
23 AUG 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Hd.-Qrs. File No. 158 S.
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COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Ballinasloe 21 : 8 : 15

Submitted with reference to report as to this man's departure for Dublin which was submitted on 20th inst.

E.M. Clayton
C.I.

The Insp. General

Suspect Frank Fahy. Not on
Special War "B" List issued 11.12.14

Co. of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 20. 8: 915.

I beg to state that supervision has been kept over the movements of Frank Fahy. The following is a summary of his movements while in this Dist.:—

14. 7. 915. Was seen by Consts. Waters & Curtin of Peterswell to drill 30 Irish Volunteers at Ballycahalan from 9½ pm to 11½ pm. He was in the uniform of an officer of Irish Volunteers.

15. 7. 15. Was seen by the Peterswell police to leave Ballycahalan for his own home at Lurgan Kilcreest Sub. District.

16: 7: 915 Was observed in Loughrea from 5 to 6¼ pm by Con. Magner. He did not associate with any suspects.

17: 7: 915 Arrived at Derrybrien at 8. ¾ pm. to drill local Sinn Feiners. None turned up.

18. 7. 15 } Remained at his home
19: 7: 15 } Lurgan

20: 7: 915 Arrived at Derrybrien at 8½ pm. & drilled 11 young men in presence of Sgt. Kilmartin from 9 pm to 10 pm.

21: 7. 15 } Remained at his brothers
22: 7: 15 } home Lurgan

23: 7. 915 At Athenry 2.45 pm to 6 pm. Met the following suspects–

P.T.

Tom Kenny, G. Nicholls, Stephen Jordan, Joseph Rooney, & Larry Lardner.

24.7.15. Was seen in Loughrea from 6½ to 7¼ pm associated with suspect Joseph O'Flaherty.

25.7.15. Marched 22 Sinn Feiners from Peterswell to Derrybrien, arriving at 4 ¾ pm. Drilled them with 8 Derrybrien men from 5 to 6 pm. after which he marched the Peterswell men home.

26.7.15 } At home
27.7.15 } Lurgan

28.7.15 Went to Ballycahalan & drilled 20 Sinn Feiners from 8½ pm to 10 pm

29.7.15 To Ballinderreen & drilled Irish Volunteers for 1¼ hours.

30.7.15. Visited Loughrea at 4 pm did not meet any suspects.

31.7.15. At home Lurgan

1. 8.15 Left Loughrea by 7 am. train to attend Rossa's funeral Dublin

2. 8.15. Returned to Loughrea by 9.35 pm. train & left for his home Lurgan.

3. 8.15. Went to Limerick (File 15.8/677 9/8/15

4. 8. 15 At Limerick

5. 8. 15 Do.

6 8. 15 do

7. 8. 15 Returned to Lurgan from Limerick.

8. 8. 15. At home at Lurgan

9. 8. 15. Visited Loughrea 6½ pm. Did not associate with suspects.

10. 8.15 Went to Ballinderreen. Galway W.R. and drilled ~~the~~ Irish Volunteers from 8.30 pm. to 9.15 pm.

11. 8.15
12. 8.15 } At home at Lurgan.
13. 8.15

14. 8.15 Visited Loughrea at 6.30 pm. met no suspects.

15. 8.15. Left Lurgan stating he was going to Athenry. His brother subsequently informing the Kilchreest police that he had left Athenry on evening of 15th inst. for Dublin by 8 pm. train, & that he did not intend to return to Lurgan.

File [illegible]

R McDonagh Sgt

C.
4917

Suspect - Frank Fahey. No. 4 on Special War "B" List D.M.P.

Crime—Special.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
16 AUG. 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Hd.-Qrs. File No. 158 S. 78
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COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Ballinasloe 10 : 8 : 15

Transmitted

E M Clayton C.I.

D.I. Loughrea 13. 8. 15

I beg to state that Fahy returned to Lurgan, Kilcreest on night of 7th inst. He is going to Salthill Galway for a few days, leaving to-day. I have wired the Dist. Inspr. Galway & attach decipher.

P McDonogh D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 14 : 8 : 15

Submitted

E M Clayton C.I.

The Insp. General

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent
At 12'30 P.M.
To 13/8/15
By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the R.I.C.

(*Signature*) P McDonagh D.I.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { District Inspector, Constaby, Galway.

Will	arrive	at	Salthill	this
evening	Frank	Fahy	number	Four
Special	War	B	List	

FROM { Dist Inspector Laughrea

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(5631) Wt. 33833-482. 400,000. 3/10. Wy. & S., Ltd. **Sch. 27**

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Suspect Frank Fahy
No 4 on Spl. War B list

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE Received 5 - AUG. 1915 Dublin Castle CRIME, SPECIAL

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE Received 9 - AUG. 1915 Dublin Castle CRIME, SPECIAL

Crime—Special.

Hd.-Qrs. File No. 158 S.
67711

COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Loughrea 3rd August 1915

I beg to submit decipher of wire forwarded at 11.45 am on this date to the District Inspr. at Limerick.

Sgt. Cunningham reports that Fahy leaves on his bicycle to-day & intends to catch a train at either Gort or Ennis for Limerick where he intends to remain until the end of week.

His object in going to Limerick is not known but he stated to Sgt. Cunningham that he does not intend to drill volunteers there.

I am forwarding Sgt. Cunningham's report to the Dist. Inspr. Limerick.

As Fahy will return about the end of the week I am retaining file 158 S/67355 20.7.15 for further report.

R. McDonagh D.I.

CI.

C.I. Limerick

For report in due course.

J. E. Holmes
C.I.
for D.I.G.
7/8/15

C.I. Ballinasloe.

For information.

J. E. Holmes
C.I.
for D.I.G.
9/8/15

Ballinasloe 4 : 8 : 15

Submitted. Fahey was educated at Mungret College in Limerick. His wife is a native of Kerry, address not known, as he may go there.

E M Clayton CI.

The Insp General

Limerick 8: 8: 15
For report.

H. E. Yates.
County Inspr.

Segt. Walsh

Limerick 8: 8: 15
I beg to submit attached report on file received from D.I. Loughrea re this mans visit to Limerick

J. Walsh
Segt. 55471

H. E. W. Yates Esqr. CI.

Limerick 8: 8: 15

Submitted.

H. E. Yates CI.

The Inspector General.

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Words.	Sent
O. H. M. S.		At 11.45 a. M. To 3/8/15 By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(Signature) ______

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { District Inspector, Constabulary
Limerick.

To you by train this evening, Suspect
Frank Fahey, No. 4 on Special
War B List. Report will
follow

FROM { D. I. Loughrea.

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Suspect Frank Fahey

Crime—Special.

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COUNTY OF Limerick

Limerick 4:8:15.

Transmitted.

G. F. W. Craig
D.I.

Sergt. Walsh

Limerick 7: 8: 15

I beg to report that the above named suspect arrived in Limerick by 9 50 P.m train from Loughrea on 3rd inst. accompanied by a girl. He was met at the terminus by two of suspect John Daly's nieces with whom they went to Daly's residence where they remained till this date when both left by the 4 50 P.m train to Craughwell. He spent his time here with the Dalys.

His departure from Limerick was notified to the train duty Const at Craughwell. Copies of deciphered wires attached.

J Walsh
Sergt: 55471

H. E. W. Yates Esqr. C.I.

Limerick 8: 8: 15

Submitted

H. E. Yates
County Inspector

The
Inspector General

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.
O. H. M. S.

Words.

Sent
At 5½ P .M.
To 7/6/15
By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the
R I C
(*Signature*) J Collins Const.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { R I C Policeman on Duty Craughwell Rly str

By	4 50 Pm	train	to	Craughwell
Suspect	Frank	Fahey	from	Limerick

FROM { Constable Collins Limerick

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Words.

Rec'd ~~Sent~~
At 12¼ P .M.
To 3/8/15
By

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(Signature)

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { Dist Inspr. Constabulary Limerick

To	you	by	train	this
evening	Frank	Fahey	number	4
on	D M P	war	B list	Report
will	follow			

FROM { D. I. Loughrea

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Suspect Frank. Fahey
No. 4. on Special War B. List.

Co. Special.

Co. Galway E.R.

Kilcreest 31: 7: 15

I beg to state that the above named intends going to Dublin on tomorrow, Sunday, the object of his going is not known. He has been at Clarenbridge for the past few days, and intends to go to Limerick next week, probably on Tuesday. Fahey will travel by the Excursion train leaving Loughrea tomorrow morning.

R. Cunningham
Sr. 55400

The D.I.

Loughrea 1st. August 1915.

You should have reported this on yesterday when you ascertained that the suspect was going to Dublin. Please report his return, and if possible ascertain the exact time

Ser. Cunningham

time and date of his leaving
for Limerick and the
train by which he travels.

J. Farrell H.C. 51576.
For D.I. on leave

Kilchreest 3: 8: 15

I beg to state that Fahy returned from Dublin on last night 2nd inst. by the 9 pm train in Loughrea.

He is to start for Limerick today and intends to cycle to Gort, or probably Ennis, should the day be favourable for cycling and take the first train from either of those stations available. He will remain in Limerick for the remainder of this week, the object of his going is unknown. He states that he wont drill any

R. Cunningham
Ser. 53400

The D.I.

Laughrea 3:8:10

Transmitted with reference to cipher wire sent you to-day.

Per file 1585/67355 20.7.15: This man's movements are to be watched & reported. He usually engages in drilling & organizing Irish Volunteers.

R. McDonagh

D.I. Limerick

Suspect Frank Fahey (native of Glenatallon Loughrea) No. 4 on Special War "B" List issued on 11:12:14

Crime—Special.

Hd.-Qrs. File No. ____________ S.

COUNTY OF Galway ER

Ballinasloe 22:7:15

Transmitted for your information - please forward to D.I. at Loughrea for compliance

G. H. Lea
1 D Officer.
on leave

D.I. Athenry

ATHENRY, 23rd July. 1915.

✓ Noted.

Chas. Collins.
2 D.I.

D.I.
Loughrea.

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a native of Glenatallon Kilcreest Sub. Dist, Laughrea.

Suspect, Frank Fahy, ~~Lurgan~~

Crime Spl.

County of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 15. 7. 15

I beg to report at 4½ p.m. on this date the above named suspect arrived in the town cycling. He entered the Post Office and after a few minutes delay there he returned out again and met William Keller, Kings Entry, on the Main St. and had a conversation with him for about 5 minutes.

He afterwards called at Joseph Greene's tobacconist, and purchased a small parcel there which I saw him tie on his bicycle. He delayed at Greene's only a few minutes, when he left the town and cycled on the Galway Rd. in the direction of Lurgan.

He was shadowed towards Lurgan by Const. Finlay.

C.I. Ballinasloe
Please have supervision kept over Frank Fahy & submit a report of his movements in detail when he leaves.

W.H.O'Connell
W.G.
20.7.15

Kilcreest. His stay in the town was about 30 minutes altogether.

M. Magner
Const 62456

The D.I.

Loughrea 16:7:915
Submitted
I find in this office a record of a file regarding this man Frank Fahy & Tom Kenny sent to Co. Inspector on 1.9.1912 158 S/59082.

He did not meet any of the Sinn Fein party on his visit to Loughrea on 15th inst.
He is, I am informed, a very advanced Sinn Feiner.

R McDonagh D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 17 : 7 : 15
Submitted. The file quoted was returned to Head Quarters on the 6 : 9 : 12. Frank Fahey is No. 4 on ~~the~~ Special War "B" List issued on 11th December 1914.

G. H. Lea

I.D. for C.I.
on duty.

The Insp General

Suspect - Captain Fahy

County of Galway E.R.

Peterswell 15th July 1915

I beg to report that the above named arrived in this Sub Dist. at 6 p.m. on yesterday & took possession of Mellows's camping tent at Knockroe. He was accompanied by a female both of whom cycled to the locality.

Const. Edward Tarpey, 63342 & I questioned Fahy who was in uniform. He informed me that he was a teacher in Castleknock College, Dublin, that the female is his wife and that he is a Captain in the McNeillite section of the Volunteers in Dublin. He says he is a native of Lurgan, Kilcreest Sub Dist. and is on a month's vacation and that he intends to spend the time instructing the volunteers at Mullagh, Derrybrien & Ballycahalan this S.D. & pay an occasional visit to Athenry. He further states that he is acting on his own responsibility

Mellows visited Mullagh on one occasion - a report on the matter will be submitted

The D.I.

during the month being under the control of no person or society in the matter & will not receive any remuneration for his energy in the volunteer movement.

In my opinion there is no truth in many of his statements for he takes possession of a Sinn Fein tent in a Sinn Fein locality, entered suspect Fahy's house in Lurgan this S.D. & drilled the Sinn Feiners in the locality from 9½ to 11½ p.m. last night and Const. Tarpey identifies him as being the stranger who accompanied suspects Mellows and Peter Sweeney, Loughrea, on evening of the 12th inst when the three visited this Sub Dist & left for Athenry. ~~Sweeney~~ Fahy was on that occasion in plain clothes but admits Const. Tarpey's statement to be true

In the presence of Consts Thomas Waters 65,861 & Daniel Curtin 67,144 Fahy drilled a party of 30 without arms at Ballycahalan for the time above stated; this number is the largest, up to the present, of Sinn Feiners drilled at Ballycahalan & shows that this branch has just received a fillip principally owing to the fact that its recent instructor Mellows, has been ordered to quit Ireland by 17th inst & from what Cons. Waters & Curton tell me the attitude of the Sinn Feiners last night did not go to show that they are as friendly towards the police as they were before the order to quit the country was given to Mellows and previous to Fahy coming among them.

Fahy & his Mrs. slept in the tent last night and I intend to shadow him in the same manner as I did Mellows.

James Beirne Sgt. 51314

[illegible]

Loughrea 15: 7: '15

Do you know anything of this man. What is his christian name? Is he related, &, if so how, to the Fahys of Lurgan in Peterswell Sl. Dist?

R McDonagh D.I.

Sgt. Cunningham

Kilreekil 15 : 7 : 15

I beg to state that this man on the last occasion when on Holidays was seen in Company of suspect Thomas Kenny of Craughwell where he spent some hours. He was then after getting married & on his Honeymoon, there was a File about this visit but I have no record of it but I believe it was dated 11th June 1913. his name is Frank Fahy and is a Teacher in Rockwell College Dublin his father was a School teacher here where this boy was reared Father & mother is both dead. his brother Michael, is married and lives in Glenatallon this Sub. Dist. where this man states he is going to reside for three weeks, He went to Loughrea this evg. and states that he will go back to Peterswell for Drill on Saturday & will also visit Derrybrien & likely go to Letterfrack in Connemara. He is no relation of the Faheys in Peterswell

R. Cunningham Sg 58200

| Castleknock College

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Suspect Frank Daly
No. 4 on Special War B List

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Hd.-Qrs. File No. 158 S.
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Dublin Castle
Crime, Special Branch

COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

ATHENRY, 24th June 1915

Submitted.

Chas. Collins.
D.I.

The County Inspector.

Ballinasloe 25 : 7 : 15

Transmitted - please submit to Insp General

S. H. Lea
1 DI for CI.
On leave

C.I. Galway

Galway 26. 7. 15

To see.

H. S. C. Flower CI

D.I. Galway

Galway.
July 27. 15.

Noted. E. M. Head
DI

C.I.

C.I. Ballinasloe

Retain & submit with 158 S / 67355 with you for F.R.

CI.
for D.I.G.
29: 7: 15

Galway 28.7.15
Submitted
J.S.C. Ilvan CI

Insp General

Ballinasloe 30:7:15
Transmitted as you have the file referred to, & also for information.
S. H. Lea
DI for CI.
on duty

DI. Loughrea

Suspect Frank Fahy
No. 4 on Special War B. List

Crime—Special. 101

Hd.-Qrs. File No. ______________ S.

COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Athenry 24th July 1915

I beg to report that the above named suspect, arrived here yesterday 23rd inst. cycling at about 2:45 pm.

He called at the Athenry Medical Hall which belongs to J. J. Broderick and in whose house Captain William Mellows lodged.

Fahy was only a short time speaking to Broderick's Chemist, Mr Sullivan, when he was joined by Thomas Kenny and George Nichols Galway.

The latter were after attending a meeting of the Co. Board G.A.A. These men remained speaking until 3.30 pm when they proceeded towards the the Town Hall. Fahy and Nichols went into the

The D.I.

Fahey is a native of Glenatallan near Loughrea and is there on his holidays since 20th inst. He is drilling the Volunteers at Peterswell & Derrybrien occasionally since Mellows' departure. Fahy is an old acquaintance of Tom Kenny's the Town Hall. Kenny did not enter the Hall. with Fahy and Nichols The latter were soon joined at the Hall by Stephen Jordan Joseph Rooney, and Larry Lardner. where they remained until 4:15. pm. When Fahy and Nichols proceeded to Mrs. Murphy's Hotel. where they remained until 5.30 pm. when they visited Jordan's house. until 6 pm. when Fahy left here cycling towards. Peterswell.

Fahy whom I understand has taken Mellows place as drill instructor, his object I am informed in visiting Athenry was to meet Nichols. and the other leading members. of the National Volunteers. with the view of attending the Funeral of the late. O'Donovan Rossa. on the 1st of August. next.

M. Reynolds
Con. 553 2/3

Crime—Special. 103

*Hd.-Qrs. File No.*________________S.

COUNTY OF____________________________

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Secret.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
12 AUG. 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME SPECIAL BRANCH

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT,

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DUBLIN, 6th AUGUST, 1915.

SUSPECT FRANK FAHY.

I beg to report with reference to this file, that suspect Frank Fahy arrived at Broadstone from Loughrea at 11 a.m. on 1st instant, and afterwards took part with the Irish Volunteers in the O'Donovan Rossa funeral procession.

He returned to Loughrea by train leaving Broadstone at 5 p.m. on 2nd instant, and his departure was duly notified by cipher telegram to the Head Constable, R.I.C. there.

Geo. Love

INSPECTOR.

The Supt.,
G. Division.

Submitted

Owen Brien
Supt.
6. 8. 15

The Chief Commr

The Inspector General R.I.C.
Transmitted

W. E. Johnstone
C. Comm 6/8.

C.I. Ballinasloe
For information.

J. G. Edwards

C.I.
for D.I.G.
7/8/15

12/8/15

Ballinasloe 8 : 8 : 15

Transmitted

E M Clayton C.I.

D.I. Loughrea 9 : 8. '15

Noted. Daly returned to Loughrea by the 8.45 pm train on 2nd inst.

R. McDonagh DI

C.I.

Ballinasloe 11 : 8 : 15

Submitted

E M Clayton C.I.

The Insp General

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Suspect. Frank. Fahey
No. 4. Special War "B" List

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
4 - AUG. 1915
Dublin Castle
CRIME SPECIAL BRANCH

~~Crime Special~~
S.
1470
D.M.P.

County of Galway ER

Loughrea 2:8:15

I beg to report the above named left here per 7 am. train yesterday morning en route to Dublin and dressed in volunteer uniform. I am informed the object of his visit was to attend the funeral of the late O. Donovan Rossa. I beg to attach copy of wire sent in connection with him.

M. Magner
Const. 63456

The D.I.

Loughrea 2:8:15

Submitted, I am informed that this suspect will return in a couple of days from Dublin, and am therefore retaining file $\frac{158\ S}{69355}$ for detailed report when he leaves the District.

T. Farrell H.C. 51526
For D.I. on leave

Co. Inspr.

Chief Commissioner,
D.M.P.
For information & for favour of report.

J. E. Holmes
C.I.
for D.I.G.
4/8/15

Supt. G. divn.

W. E. Johnstone
C Comm. 5/8.

Ballinasloe 3 : 8 : 15

Submitted

S. H. Lea

1 D/Offr Cl.
On duty

The Insp General

A°

Prefix ______ Code ______

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram 108

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Sent at 8½ am. 2 : 8 : 15

Words.

Sent

At ______ .M.

To ______

By ______

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

R. I. Constby

(*Signature*) M. Magner Const.

Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof.

Dated Stamp.

TO { Damp. Dublin

Left by	Seven	Am train	yesterday	for Dublin
Suspect	Frank	Fahey	No Four	Special
War "B"	List	dressed	in Volunteer	Uniform

FROM { Constable Magner Loughrea

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Crime—Special.

Hd.-Qrs. File No.________S.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received 5 AUG 1915 Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Suspect Frank Fahey
Lurgan, Kilcreest
No. 4. on Special War B. List

COUNTY OF Galway E.R.

Laughrea 1 : 8 : 15.

Did suspect Frank Fahey travel by excursion train to Dublin to-day? Please report if he returns by this Excursion train to night.

J. Farrell A.C. 51576
For D.I. on duty

Con. Magner.

Loughrea 3 : 8 : 15

I beg to report on Sunday last 1st Inst the above named left here by 7 am train to Dublin. He returned last night by 9 P.m. train. and left the town walking immediately afterwards in the direction of his home at Lurgan

M. Magner
Const 61456

The D.I.

Laughrea 3 : 8 : 15.

I beg to submit copy of deciphered wire received from D.M.P. last night at 7 P.m. in Connection with this Suspect's return from Dublin

A McDonagh

WD

Co. Inspr.

Pwd

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WDM 4/8

Ballinasloe 4 : 8 : 15

Submitted with reference to report as to Fahey's departure for Dublin which was submitted on yesterday.

E M Clayton

CI.

The Insp General

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

(Inland Official Telegrams only.)

No. of Telegram ______

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

O. H. M. S.

Recd at 7 P.m. on 2:8:15

Words.

Sent

At ______ .M.

To ______

By ______

I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

(*Signature*) ______

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Dated Stamp.

TO D.I. Loughrea

By	5 P.m.	train	to	Loughrea
Suspect	F.	Fahy	No. 4	on
D.M.P.	War	B.	List	

FROM Damp Dublin.

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(5631) Wt. 33838-482. 400,000. 3/10. Wy. & S., Ltd. **Sch. 27**

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Secret & Crime Special

Public meeting of Sinn Fein at Loughrea on 1: 11: 17

County of Galway E.R. 114

Ballinasloe 3: 11: 17

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received.
4 - NOV. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Submitted - The Meeting does not appear to have been a great success

C.A. Walsh
C.I.

Insp. General

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received.
5 - NOV. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

U.S.

Submitted.

After small receptions at Ballinasloe & Woodlawn - Mr DeValera addressed about 1000 people at Loughrea. The day was wet. There was a procession of 400. with some hurleys. Several clergymen attended the meeting but only one was on the platform.

Dr Gilmartin, the Bishop, had that morning preached against revolution.

The Speakers - DeValera & F. Fahy - made use of seditious language - notes of which are attached.

J. O Byrne
I.G.
4/11/17

Under Secretary

Submitted. The proceedings at Ballinasloe and Woodlawn call for no notice, but both de Valera and Fahey advocated rebellion when the opportunity offers, and in the meantime advised their audiences to drill, arm & equip themselves. de Valera further expressed sympathy with Germany, England's enemy & England is their enemy.

5/11

Reprehensible: but no action

W. P. B. 6.11.17

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I.G.
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R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Received
26 OCT. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Immediate

Public Meeting to be held at Loughrea on 1st November 1917

Co of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 24. X. 17

I beg to state that, since writing my report on this subject on this date, which report was forwarded to you by last post this evening, I have learned on reliable authority that the following speakers are to address the meeting which is to be held in a field on the northern side of the Town convenient to the Railway Station:- E. De Valera, E. MacNeill & Frank Fahy. These people are to come to Loughrea on Evening of 31st inst & are to remain at Nevins Hotel in the Main Street on that night & the night following. The meeting is to take place from about 1 pm to 6 pm & it is proposed that the Sinn Feiners will appoint their own police to keep order & to guard the hotel where the leaders above named are to stay.

It is expected that between Eight & nine thousand persons will attend the meeting.

I consider the appointment of Sinn Fein police a menace to all law & order & should not be tolerated.

[illegible] D.I.

C.I.

C.I. Ballinasloe.

This meeting need not be interfered with.

The police need not interfere with this proposed Sinn Fein police guard - but should any persons wear uniform or carry arms a report should be made ...

Mental notes of the language used should be taken, reduced to writing as soon as possible afterwards & reported.

J. B.

29.X.17

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P.T.O.

Ballinasloe 25 : 10 : 17

~~Submitted~~. The appointment of Sinn Feiners to keep order ~~in~~ was adopted in the procession and meeting of Sinn Feiners in Ballinasloe on 26th Aug.

To appoint Sinn Feiners to guard Hotel is a different thing and ~~this~~ should not be allowed. Please see my minute of 17th inst: to which opinion I still adhere.

I. G.

S. H. Lea D.I. for C.I. on Temp. Duty

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Ballinasloe 30 : 10 : 17

Transmitted for compliance please.

F. H. Lea

DI for CI
on temp. duty

D.I. Loughrea 2 Nov. 17

I beg to state that I.G.'s minute of 29th Oct. has been complied with.

This meeting, on account of the wet day, was small. Neither did it appear to be enthusiastic. The people were counted going into the field. The number attending was in or about 1000. About 400 Sinn Feiners, with three bands & Sinn Fein Colours, marched through the town both before & after the meeting. Hurleys were in evidence but not to any great extent. There was no hurling match played at all. The meeting lasted from about 2 to 4¾ pm. The Sinn Feiners themselves kept order at the processions & two Sinn Feiners kept guard at Nevin's hotel during a banquet which was held after the meeting. His Lordship Dr. Gilmartin condemned the revolutionary programme at 11.30 am Mass at the Cathedral. Notwithstanding this a good many priests attended the meeting. Only one priest — Rev. Fr. O'Farrell C.C. Ballinakill — went on the platform. He did not make a speech. Contingents from the following Sinn Fein clubs were present:— Athenry, Gort, Ballymacward, Craughwell, Kilreekil, Ballinasloe, Killinadeema, Ballinakill, Leitrim, Tynagh, Derrybrien, & Portumna. No disturbance took place. De Valera & Frank Fahy came to Loughrea by the 9 pm train on 31st inst. & delivered short addresses from their hotel window. I attach [illegible] notes of speeches made both at the hotel after arrival of the leaders & next day at meeting. Some of the Loughrea people put up Redmondite flags on night of 31st Oct. but these were pulled down next day by the Sinn Feiners. The Loughrea Non Sinn Feiners did not interfere otherwise.

DI

C.I.

Sentences used by Mr. Frank Fahy in a Speech from Nevins hotel on night of 31. X. 17. at about 9.30pm

Our policy is to use every means sanctioned by the laws of God & the people of Ireland to gain our independence

We do not deny the right of Ireland to use the sword if the opportunity comes.

A. Wood DI

Loughrea 31. X. 17

9. 40 pm

on night of 31 Oct.

Mr. De Valera's speech, was not worth noting

Sinn Fein meeting at Loughrea
on night of 31st October 1917.
addressed by E. De Valera,
and Frank Fahy.

Co. of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 1 : 11 : 1917.

I beg to report that E. De Valera and Frank Fahy arrived at Loughrea from Dublin on last night by the 9 P.m. train. They were met at the Railway Station by a band from Killeenadeema and a crowd of between three and four hundred persons. A Torchlight procession was formed and they marched, headed by De Valera, through the Main Street of the Town.

De Valera then addressed the crowd from the window of Nevin's Hotel. I made a mental note of what he said which in substance was as follows :-

De Valera

"I thank you for the welcome which
"you have given Captain Fahy and myself. We
"are out for the sovereign independence of
"Ireland. The reason the people of Ireland are
"supporting us in this is because it is no
"new thing. at various times during
"seven Centuries this demand was made of
"their oppressors and was implanted in their
"hearts. Nothing will turn us from this
"object, and they would stick to the flag while
"life remained".

F. Fahy.

Frank Fahy then addressed the Crowd and said :-

"Fellowcountrymen, I have only
"to repeat Commandant De Valera's thanks for
"your attendance here to-night. We want
"the Sovereign Independence of Ireland, and
"we mean to get it. We will use every
"means allowed by the law of God to attain
"it when it is demanded by the Irish
"People and we will not hesitate to
"use the sword to attain it whenever
"the opportunity offers".

Thos Farrell H.C. 51576

The D.I.

County of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 2:11:17.

Sinn Fein meeting and Aeridheacht at Loughrea on 1:11:17.

I beg to report on yesterday the 1st Inst. at a meeting presided over by Joseph O'Flaherty of Loughrea Edward DeValera and Frank Fahey made use of the following statements in their addresses to a crowd of about 1000 people, from which I took the following mental notes.

F. Fahy

"Frank Faheys said it has been said we are out for red ruin and revolution, I say we are out for total separation from England, and how we are to attain that is by using every means consistent with moral force and the wishes of the Irish people, if necessary by shedding our blood we hear a lot about the constitutional movement, was it through the constitutional movement England passed ten coercion acts for Ireland within a few years, was it through the constitutional movement Tom Ashe met his death in Mountjoy Jail.

England claims to be a protector of small nations we are a small nation but we will not submit to be governed by an oppressor who has for seven centuries persecuted us. The Irish people will not submit to be governed against their wishes and I ask you young men and old here present to arm and equip yourself and be prepared to meet the oppressor if the opportunity offers.

The tricolour that flowed over the Four Courts and G. P. O. during Easter week now flows over every County in Ireland, stained with the blood of martyrs I ask you to avenge this sacrafice and that if, and when the opportunity offers He

The D.I.

He concluded by asking the men of Galway to arm and equip themselves and be ready to make a sacrafice if necessary. Faheys speech lasted from 2¾ P.m. to 3¼ P.m."

Edward De Valera says the doctrine I am here to preach to you today is that we Irishmen ~~are~~ will not submit to be governed by an oppressor who for the past seven hundred years has persecuted us and condemned to death the bravest of our race. England has asked us to go and fight in the fields of France and elsewhere. My advice to you is to fight at home, fight for Ireland, fight against the oppressor England.

De. Valera

We are in sympathy with Germany in a twofold manner. First because we cannot believe the lies and calumnies of the English press regarding the doings of Germany. Secondly because Germany is fighting against an enemy who is our enemy also. I have nothing to say as a republican against the Green flag of Ireland, but I'm sorry today to see it desecrated with the colours of the Union Jack. It has been asked why I am not arrested. The English Government know very well if I were arrested there would be another and a dozen others to take my place. My advice to you all is to organise, drill, arm and equip yourself, and be ready if the opportunity offers to avenge the blood of those who sacraficed their lives for Ireland during Easter week.

Reading from a newspaper called "New Ireland" he quoted extracts from speeches made by John Redmond, John Dillon and Joe Devlin some years ago, proclaiming their disloyalty to ~~the~~ England. We are disloyal today but I'm sorry to say they have changed for £400 a year.

He asked the men of Galway to join the Irish Volunteers learn the national language, and having four fifths of Ireland today in the Sinn Fein movement they'd soon see the day when Ireland would be free. Speech lasted from 3.25 P.m. to 4¼ P.m."

M Maguire. Const 2245.

Sinn Fein Meeting
at Loughrea
on 1: 11: 17

Loughrea 1: 11: 1917

De Valera.

De-Valera also addressed the meeting in the course of which he said. I am not out to get the young men of Ireland to fight and shed their blood in Flanders, but I ask each one of you to arm, and if necessary fight and shed your blood for the independence and complete separation from British Rule. and I am sure that such a sacrifice would not be in vain, We are told that ~~Russia~~ England has five millions of soldiers, Russia is beaten, Rumania is over-run, they had to fly from the Dardanelles, and now they are being beaten in France.
He read extracts from Young Ireland where he said John Redmond, made seditious speeches in America some years ago, but John Dillon did not go to America, but expressed his disloyalty in the British House of Commons, and Continuing said now I am disloyal.

The H.C.

A. McDermott
Con 605.25

Sinn Fein Meeting
at Loughrea
on the 1: 11: 17

Loughrea 1: 11: 1917

I beg to state for the information of my authorities that I attended a Sinn Fein meeting o that was held outside Loughrea on above date.

~~[illegible]~~ Francis Fahy addressed the meeting in the course of which he said. We are told that England is fighting for the freedom of small nations why does she not give us freedom? My advice to every young man here is to arm himself and be ready to strike when opportunity offers. We will never be free until we are an independent and separate nation from the tyrant that has caused us misery for the last seven centuries, & we will and must use all means in our power to get rid of that tyranny.

Frances Fahy

The H.C.

W. McDermott,
Const 60525.

Co Galway E.R.

Speech made by De-Valera.

Loughrea 2-11-17.

De-Valera also addressed the meeting when he made use of the following expressions.

We will not ask you to fight in France or Flanders but remain at home and fight for Ireland.

Join the Volunteers they are our National Army.

We are told he said that England had five million of an Army when Roumania was over run. She had five million of an Army when she had to fly from the Dardanelles. She has five million of an army in Flanders and is beaten there. My advice to the young men of Ireland is to arm themselves and be ready to face the Gun & Cannon whenever the opportunity offers. and if you have to make a sacrafice. I am sure it will not be in vain.

Patrick Bradley
Con 63791

The H.C.

Co Galway E.R.

Speech made by [illegible] Francis Fahey.

Loughrea. 2. 11. 17.

I beg to state for the information of my Authorities that I attended a Sinn Fein meeting that was held at Loughrea on yesterday

The meeting was addressed by [illegible] Francis Fahey in the Course of which he used the following expression.

If you want Complete Separation from England you must be prepared to Shed Some blood to gain it.

Is the Constitution you will fight, for or against, the Constitution who murdered my Comrade Thomas Ashe at Mountjoy Prison.

We will adopt every available means to gain our independence whenever the opportunity offers.

Patrick Bradley
Const. 63791

The H.C.

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De Valera passing through Woodlawn

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County of Galway E.R.

Woodlawn 1 11 1917

De Valera. at Woodlawn Ry St. 31/X/17 En route to Loughrea.

I beg to report that when on patrol with Const Wilkinson last night 31st ult at Woodlawn Railway Station. When the 8 23 pm train on which De valera travelled to Loughrea was passing Woodlawn, a crowd of about 50 persons were on the platform. 24 of whom were Sinn Feiners from this Sub Dist. Thomas Hilliary & Thomas Griffin Carrowna and Michl Kenny Curskeytrench had sods of turf lighted on the end of poles as the train arrived, Father OConnor Ballymacward who was with the Sinn Feiners Shook hands with De valera through the carriage door. Martin Tierney Esker called for three cheers for De valera which were responded to by the Sinn Feiners Father OLoughlin Gurteen who was travelling with De valera called for three cheers for Captain Fahey, which was given, Scraps of the "Soldiers song" was sung by individuals on dark places on the platform but whenever the police approached the direction of the singing the song was stopped At no time were the police near enough to the singer to identify him. With the exception of above the crowd was orderly. no attempt at drilling took place, no Hurley or other weapon carried Nor were there any uniforms worn. The Sinn Feiners and other left the station in small batches for their respective homes

H. McFadden Con 57806 For Ser on allocated

The D.I.

P.T.O

Athenry 2:11:1917

Submitted - I beg to say that the two priests referred to overleaf are the Curates of Ballymacward and Gurteen respectively both of whom are Sinn Feiners.

Wm. Gilleroy
D.I.

C.I.

Ballinasloe 3: 11: 17

Submitted. A Crowd of about 150 people with a band from Ballinasloe, met De Valera at the Railway Station here and cheered him — the band playing "the Soldiers Song" on the platform during the few minutes the Train was at the Station. Thomas Burke, clerk to the Canal Company, and Joseph Gaffney, Professor St Joseph's College Ballinasloe, were the most prominent in the gathering, but neither of them has hardly any influence in Ballinasloe.

C. A. Walsh
C.I.

Insp General

De Valera
at
Ballinasloe
31/X/17.

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Service Instructions O H M S

Handed in at Ballinasloe at 11.27 a M. Received here at 11.58 a M.

TO Inspector General
Constabulary Office Dublin
Castle.

all passed off quietly at Loughrea on yesterday

County Inspector
Ballinasloe

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Crime Department—Special Branch.

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SUBJECT Sinn Fein meeting at Loughrea. 1/11/17 & procession
Speakers E de Valera. J. McNeill & F. Fahy.

Date 26 Oct 1917

I.S.

Submitted.

This will be a large meeting & there will be a procession in which no doubt hurleys will be carried. No disturbance is anticipated. There will probably be a 'guard of honour' for de Valera & the other speakers. This meeting will be disloyal but it may not be deemed desirable to prohibit it or to send a shorthand notetaker to report the speeches. Will mental notes be sufficient?

J Byrne

Under Secretary 2.9

Submitted. / The proceedings will consist of an Aeridheacht with a hurling match added, and then a meeting - these do not seem to call for any interference, as no disorder is anticipated. The only objectionable feature is the proposed Sinn Fein Police guard at the Hotel where de Valera & others are to put up. Are the Police to take any action in regard to it? Mental notes for the meeting will suffice. WME 26/10

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1. no
2. No interference: if they carry arms or wear uniform a report should be made.
3. Yes.

W. P. B.
26/X

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RETURNED
27 OCT. 1917

Cl. no report 29/X

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Sinn Fein meeting & Aeridheacht to be held at Loughrea on 1 : 11 : 17

Secret and Crime Special

County of Galway E.R.

Ballinasloe 19 : 10 : 17

Transmitted for compliance please with I.G.'s minute

S. H. Lea

D I for C I.
On temporary duty

D.I. Loughrea 24 : X : 917

I beg to state that a procession will be formed & marched through the town to the field where meeting &c. is to be held. I do not anticipate any interference with the procession by the non. Sinn feiners, nor is it likely that the people forming the procession will interfere with those holding different political views. No serious disturbance is likely to occur.

So far as can be ascertained hurleys will be carried in the procession by all the hurling teams present. As there is to be a scratch hurling match got up on the field the occasion will be availed of to make as large a display of hurleys as possible. Should the 1st Nov. turn out fine there will be a great number of persons present but, if wet weather prevails, I am of opinion that the crowd will not be so large. Contingents are expected from all parts of Co Galway & also from Clare. The sole object of this meeting is to try & establish Sinn fein principles amongst the Loughrea people. The Rev. Father Dunne & others have been doing all they could for the past three years to effect this object. This meeting is part of their plan of campaign.

It is not known for certain if the leaders mentioned on ~~placard~~ poster will attend. I am still of opinion that inflammatory speeches will be delivered.

My personal opinion is that it will be better to allow them to proclaim this meeting.

Ar. Joseph

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Loughrea 16. X: 917

Sinn Fein meeting & Aeridheacht to be held at Loughrea on. 1. XI. 17

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18 OCT. 1917
Dublin Castle
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I beg to attach poster announcing that a Sinn Fein meeting &c. will be held at Loughrea on Thursday the 1: XI: 917. The meeting will be held in a field near the town. There will be a charge of 2d for admission to the field. As the majority of the people of Loughrea have not joined the Sinn Fein movement great efforts are being made to induce people to come from all the surrounding country.

The promoters of the meeting are Rev. Father Dunne Adm. Loughrea, Joseph O'Flaherty, Peter Sweeney, Bernard Fallon & James Flynn – all prominent Loughrea Sinn Feiners.

I have no doubt that inflammatory speeches will be made by the speakers announced on attached posters should they put in an appearance. Resolutions will be passed calling on Mr. Wm J Duffy M.P. to resign his seat in parliament.

With the view of displaying the great strength of Sinn Fein to the Loughrea non Sinn Feiners it is almost certain that all the people attending the meeting will assemble at a given point & march in processional order through the town to the field in which the meeting will be held. I am of opinion that no intimidation will be resorted to by the people attending the meeting. The Loughrea people will not interfere at all.

From inquiry my opinion is that no serious breach of the peace is likely to take place. The proposed procession with hurleys in evidence – is almost a certainty as so also is the likelihood of inflammatory speeches.

Wm Joseph DI

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Ballinasloe 17 : 10 : 17

Submitted. D.I. McDonagh does not anticipate any serious breach of the peace & states that the Loughrea people — i.e the non Sinn Feiners — will not interfere with the meeting. There is no necessity to prohibit the meeting under the D. of R. regulations. As inflammatory speeches are anticipated it will be necessary to have mental notes taken.

G. H. Lea C.I.
for C.I. on temp: duty

I. G.

C.I. Ballinasloe
Please report later particulars on 24th inst & state whether the proposed procession is likely to lead to disturbance & whether it is certain that hurleys will be carried in large numbers

18/10

I.G.

A GREAT AERIDHEACHT

AND

HURLING

WILL BE HELD AT

LOUGHREA

On Thursday, 1st November, 1917.

ADDRESSES BY

COMMANDANT DE VALERA

Professor Eoin McNeill, Capt. F. Fahy, and Other Prominent Speakers.

An Interesting Programme of Song, Music & Dance will be Presented.

AERIDHEACHT COMMENCES AT 1 P.M., SHARP.

ADMISSION, - Sixpence.

Ar Glor Dia agus ar-son na h-Eireann!

M. S. Kelly, Printer and Stationer, Loughrea.

R. I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE DUBLIN CASTLE

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COUNTY OF GALWAY, W.R.

Galway, 2nd January, 1918.

SUSPECT EDWARD DE VALERA, VISITS GALWAY.

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I beg to report that Edward De Valera, M.P. arrived in Galway by 9.10 p.m. train on 31st ult, and returned to Dublin by 4 p.m. train to-day.

He was met on arrival here by suspects George Nicholls, Galway; and Patrick O'Malley, Leenane, (War "B" List) also L.E. O'Dea, President of Galway Sinn Fein Club; Dr. Bryan Cusack, President North Galway Sinn Fein Executive Dr. Thomas Walsh, and Rev Thos Burke, C.C., Galway, -together with other local Sinn Feiners of lesser importance.

He put up in the Railway Hotel while here, and after his arrival on night of 31st ult, addressed a crowd of about 500 persons for about 10 minutes from the Hotel steps. As he spoke in Irish I am unable to give his remarks, but have been told by an Irish speaking member of the crowd they were to the effect that the year which was just passing away had witnessed many severe blows being dealt to England, and that it should be their prayer that the year they were just ushering in would see these crushing blows continued, so that the ruthless hand of England would never be able to strike or crush Ireland again.

On yesterday 1st inst, he addressed a public meeting in the Square, Galway, previous to which he walked round two ranks of Irish Volunteers drawn up in semi-military formation, and numbering 250. His address at this meeting was a denunciation of English rule, the right of Ireland to self-government, what the men accomplished for Ireland who fought and died during Easter Week, an appeal to all to join the Sinn Fein movement, criticism of the I.P. Party; and that the cause for which they stood was the complete independence of Ireland. Other speakers at this meeting were L.E. O'Dea, George Nicholls, and Dr Bryan Cusack, Galway, Rev J.W. O'Meehan, C.C. Kinvarra, Patk. O'Malley, Leenane (who read an address) and suspect Frank Fahy, Dublin. At this meeting De Valera was presented with addresses from the Galway District Council, the Galway Board of Guardians, the Cumann na mBan, and the Connemara Sinn Fein Executive. On same night

The D.I.

U.S.
Submitted for information. The meeting at Galway is reported on file 158.S/2752 (17549 S) 3/1/18.

(17598/S to H.E. 5/1)

J.E. Holmes
5/1/18

C.fully

U.S. to See

I.G.
Seen
8/1/18.

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he attended a Sinn Fein Concert and dance in the Town Hall, Galway, up to 11.50 p.m. when he returned to his hotel.

During his time here he moved very little about the town, and the only persons he was observed to associate with were L.E! O'Dea, George Nicholls, and Dr. Bryan Cusack, Galway; Frank Fahy, Dublin; and Patrick O'Malley, Leenane.

When returning to Dublin to-day he was seen away by the same persons who met him here on his arrival.

I ciphered his departure to Damp, Dublin, at 4.15 p.m. to-day, indicating the train by which he travelled.

J Clarke
Sergt 58601.

Galway. 3.1.18
Submitted P.J. Killackey H.Con 43219 Dr Leane
The C.I.

County Inspector's Office,
Galway, 4th January 1918.

Submitted.

G. B. Ruttledge
County Inspector.

The
Inspector General.

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ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE.

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Crime Department—Special Branch.

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SUBJECT Sinn Fein public meeting & indoor Concert at Galway on Jany 1st – to be addressed by De Valera & others Mr DeValera M.P. – Lecture on the Sinn Fein movement in the Sinn Fein Hall by Mr Fahy on Jany 2nd.

Date 27. Dec 1917

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Recd
30 DEC 1917
Dublin
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Under Secretary

Submitted:

The proposed arrangements will meet the case? Ante & it is presumed that the police will take such precautions as may be necessary to prevent a breach of the peace

W.N.H.
28/12/17.

Yes:– approved.
O.P.B. 28/12

I.G.
W.N.H.
29.xii.17.

U.S.

Submitted. I propose to direct police to take mental notes for report on the public meeting. As the presence of police at the indoor meetings would in all probability be strongly resented, I presume it is not desirable that they should seek admission. They will no doubt be able to get reliable information as to what takes place.

J. Byrne

I.G.

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Sinn Fein meeting held in the Square, Galway, on 1st January 1918, addressed by E. De VALERA, M.P., and others.

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Submitted. Mr de Valera insisted emphatically on absolute independence. He however spoke less of warlike preparations than on former occasions & pointed out that by the organization of Sinn Fein clubs he expected to capture the parliamentary constituencies.

The meeting was orderly, but marked by a lack of enthusiasm & by the absence of any person of importance.

3/1/18

I.G.

Under Secretary

Submitted to see.

W. H.
4/1/18.

Seen.

Not a success for Valera.

W.P.B. 4.1.8

L.L.

C.S.

W. 5.1.18

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Galway 2. 1. 1918

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Public Sinn Meeting held in Galway on 1st Jany 1918.

In submitting this excellent report of Sergt Clarke I beg to state that it is an accurate account of the proceedings.

I concur with his estimate both of the total number of persons present & also as regards the number of the Volunteers who paraded in semi military formation: These marched to the place of meeting in fours & previous to the arrival of the speakers performed a few military evolutions the object of which appeared to be to get them into position for a review. However when DeValera arrived he was not received with any military salute & beyond walking round at the back of one line & the front of the other made no attempt at an "inspection"

I had groups of police at points on the outskirts of the meeting more with a view to prevent possible collisions than anything else but as a matter of fact nothing of an attempt to interfere with the meeting was made & the meeting itself was very orderly.

After it was over the crowd quietly

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dispersed & the various companies of volunteers returned to the places whence they came without as far as I could see entering the town proper. In fact these marched practically direct to the square & away from it. The meeting began about 2 pm & concluded before 4-30 pm & by 5 o'clock the town had resumed its normal appearance having regard to the fact that the day was a holiday.

The total number of persons present is estimated at between 2500 & 3000 I think the lower estimate nearer the mark. Of these 1289 were formed by the contingents from outlying portions of the W & S. Ridings. The great bulk of the remainder were persons who were attracted to the place by curiosity to see & hear De Valera. & Inclusive of the contingents present I should think that 1,500 would nearly be the number of the supporters of the party at the meeting.

Both at this meeting & at that which De Valera addressed for a few minutes after his arrival the night before I was struck by the absence of enthusiasm & by the very small volume of cheering with which his remarks were received. & it was noticeable that this cheering or applause was confined largely to the persons immediately round the speakers & on the outskirts of the crowd indifference seemed to be prevailing note on the platform itself or in the crowd were to seen none of the influential persons or persons of standing in Galway or its neighbourhood. & from its supporters point of view I should think the meeting should be regarded as a failure - Every body was commenting on the smallness of the crowd.

But I was rather impressed by the discipline displayed by such supporters of Sinn Fein as were present. They carried out obviously previous orders. There was no disorder no drunkenness & as I have stated the contingents left for their homes at once on the termination of the meeting. & from a police point of view gave no trouble whatever.

I am unable personally to confirm the extracts from the speeches given in Sergt Clarke's report, but I did hear DeValera refer as a subject of congratulation to "the reeling blows which the relentless enemy of our race received in the year 1917" & the hope expressed that in 1918 "that same relentless hand which is now almost powerless might in 1918 be paralysed for evermore". Beyond this I heard nothing save the usual historical & economic arguments for granting Ireland a constitution of her own.

I think also Father Meehan's denunciation of outrage expressed the genuine desire of Sinn Feiners as to the conduct of their movement: It corresponds with similar denunciations made by other R.C. priests who are supporters of Sinn Fein.

No hostility was manifested towards the police on duty at the meeting or to the three or four soldiers (home on furlough) who were also present.

A report will be made in due course as to what will take place at the lecture tonight - but I do not wish to delay this report for that purpose

E. Hildebrand D.I.

County Inspector's Office,
Royal Irish Constabulary,
Galway 2nd Jany 1918

Submitted. I beg to state that the proceedings at this meeting were quiet because there was no interference with it.

G.B. Ruttledge C.I.

The Inspector General

SECRET & CRIME SPECIAL

COUNTY OF GALWAY, W.R.
Galway, 2nd January 1918.

PUBLIC SINN FEIN MEETING HELD IN GALWAY ON 1:1:18.

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I beg to report that a public Sinn Fein meeting was held in the Square, Galway, on yesterday 1st inst. It lasted from 2 to 4.15 p.m., and was attended by about 2500 or 3000 persons-many of whom were, however, persons who had no sympathy with the meeting but attended through curiosity. Contingents were present from the following places;-Tuam (25); Tubber (10); Gort (30); Ardrahan (20); Moycullen (60); Loughgeorge (60); Athenry, Galway E.R. (40) Clonboo (20); Spiddal (85); Killeen (50); Barna (100) Craughwell, Galway E.R. (50); Oranmore (400); Moyvilla, Galway E.R. (25); Turloughmore (30); Kilcolgan (44); Kinvarra (100) Clarenbridge (60); Loughrea (10); Riverville, Galway E.R. (25); Peterswell, Galway E.R. (20) & Monivea Galway E.R. (25)

Many from each of these contingents appeared to belong to the Irish Volunteer, and previous to the meeting 520 men, forming different companies, were formed up in semi-military formition by T. Flannagan, Galway; Martin Thornton, Spiddal; and M. Murphy, Galway (manager of the Galway Express). These three men were in uniform, and were assisted in getting the Volunteers into position by the various local leaders of contingents. A young man named Dan Fallon, Twomileditch, Killeen Sub District, wore the uniform of a private in the Irish Volunteers. These four were the only persons wearing uniform. At about 1.30 p.m. De Valera walked along the ranks of the Volunteers-who were then lined up in military formation-as if reviewing them, but did not stop or speak to any of them so far as I could observe. After De Valera had passed these men partly mixed with the crowd round a brake from which the meeting was addressed.

L.E. O'Dea, solicitor, Galway; presided, and addresses were read to De Valera by M. Thorntom, ex-N.T. Spiddal, (from the Galway R. District Council) by Mr Mallery, Clerk of the Galway P.L. Union (from the Galway Board of Guardians) by Miss Madden, Galway (from the Cumann na MBan;) and by suspect Patrick O'Malley, Leenane (from the Connemara Sinn Fein Executive) De Valera then briefly replied to the addresses in Irish.

The Chairman, L.E. O'DEA, then addressed the meeting, stating that its dimensions was proof that Ireland had

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been saved and had again regained her nationality. He said they would never have conscription in Ireland, however England might try, and that Mr O'Connor had been brought to America on an English Battleship, for the purpose of telling the people there that Ireland was satisfied with the present measure of Home Rule, and that she did not desire Independence. He concluded by saying that if England did not give them their demands the people of Ireland would set up a Parliament themselves and carry out its decrees–that they had been robbed of their previous Parliament by bribery and corruption; and that it was up to the people to adhere to the principles and follow the example of the brave men who died for Ireland during Easter week.

FRANK FAHY, Dublin, professor in Castlenock College was the next speaker. He stated he acted as a Volunteer officer in Dublin during the rebellion; that they were still out for a Republic; that they still stood by the tricolour; and would never rest content until they had cut themselves away from England and regained their freedom. The tricolour stood for Ireland a nation, while the present misrepresentatives of the Irish people in the English Parliament were content to let Ireland remain a perpetual province of the British Empire. They -the Sinn Feiners-wanted to let the whole world know that they were out for a Republic, and they wanted to show the world that they were as much entitled to their freedom and to have the making of their own laws as any Nation on the face of the earth. They wanted every part of Ireland for Ireland, and with God's help they would get it. They wanted freedom absolute and uncontrolled. There are still men in Ireland who are as willing and ready to lay down their lives for the cause of Ireland a Nation as the men who died during Easter week, and from the dimensions of the crowd here this spirit is not wanting in Galway. You here in Galway may not have accomplished much during the rebellion, but you went out like men and this is all you could do. We are still ready to fight-to morrow if required-but we will never fight in any country but Ireland. He stated that when in the Four Courts during Easter Week a communication was received by him from their head quarters stating that their flag still floated from the most important buildings in Dublin, and was gallantly protected by the Irish soldiers. As a result of what was accomplished during that week he could now say, and they could all see, that that same flag now floated from practically every hill-top of Ireland; and despite the efforts of their traducers and misrepresentatives in the English Parliament they would see that it was kept floating. An

An independent Ireland could be run for much less than the taxes which they are at present required to pay to England,and with a Rebublic they would be free from the taxes,which were sure to be crushing,following the war. Several English Ministers have stated that in this war England was out to see that the people of Europe got the Government which they desired.This was all the Sinn Feiners wanted.They were out to see that the people of Ireland got the form of government under which it was their wish to live-decided by an adult vote.He stated in conclusion that he for one was satisfied as to what the result of that vote would be,and was prepared to abide by the result.

EDWARD De VALERA, M.P.was the next speaker.He began by reminding them of what he said to them on the previous night,in Irish,on his arrival in Galway;-that they were ushering out the old year with joy and thankfulness and gratitude in their hearts,because in that year they had reaped some of the harvest that had grown from the blood of their countrymen who laid down their lives in Easter Week.That year had witnessed more defeats to the boasted might of the British Empire than ever they had dreamed of ~~xx~~,and his wish and prayer was that the year they were just beginning would be asfruitful in that respect-and that he was sure it would. Were an Englishman listening he would regard his description of the treatment of Ireland by England as merely imaginative oratory, and state that Ireland had received many concessions from England. Englishmen would say that Irishmen had religious liberties,and had got the benefit of land-Acts,&c,but they never mention how these were obtained, or refer to the many sacrifices which the Irish people have made during the past 117 years for the purpose of obtaining them. The world,however,was no longer taking England at her own rating.Her cant in regard to the war was now known everywhere,and when she spoke of the liberty of small nationalities she was asked what about Ireland. Ireland was one of the first nations in the world.She was once one of the first four powers in Europe,and please God she would resume that position again.He stated there never had been a Constitution in Ireland since she was robbed of the one she possessed 117 years ago. He next read extracts from speeches made by Mr.Redmond in 1902,and stated that their strain showed that Redmond had then some inkling of what Sinn Feinism was and what it could accomplish,but that the so called Irish Party had lost all backbone since they got corrupted by the English atmosphere. In 1902 he said that this new Irish Party instead of going to London to see King Edward crowned stopped in the City Hall, Dublin, to show that Ireland did not regard English laws or institutions as deserving of the obedience of Irishmen. This was the right spirit, but the so called Irish Party of the present day had abandoned it and sold themselves to England. He stated that he found it hard to think that men capable of thinking as those men thought 15 years ago could be serious when they now attacked the Sinn Fein policy, and that he thought it was not merely party interests which was making them abuse the Sinn Feiners as they were doing at present. These men know as well as us that if Ireland does not now go for freedom the same chance will never present itself again. It is only now by going for freedom, and being heard at the end of the war when the nations of the world meet, that the Independance of Ireland can be established and a lasting peace secured. We should, therefore, make it clear to the world that our ambitions to day are the ambitions of past generations of Irish martyrs-that of an independent ~~sovereign~~ sovereign nation. If we are not able to show that this is the wish of the majority of the Irish people we will not be listened to, but if we can show that we represent the majority of the Irish people we will. Roscommon, Longford, Kilkenny, and Clare, are significant, and they show what we want is what the majority of the Irish people want. If there was a spark of nationality in the Iris Party they would leave the House of Commons at once. He then referred to the Peace Conference in detail stating their movement was going ahead, and that they would soon have every true Nationalist under their banner. They were determined to carry on the struggle and to carry it to a successful issue, and in case it should be unfinished in their day those who came after them would only have to put on the coping stone. They would continue even though other nations did not recognise them to carry on the fight for freedom, and they would never look to an alien Government to help them to do it. The policy of going begging to England was unworthy of the Irish nation. Their policy should be such as to make it impossible for England to rule them. England had not conscripted them because it would be too costly for her. The English Government tried to stop drilling, wearing of uniform, and the carrying of hurleys, &c, but such could not be stopped if the people were determined and unanimous. What would the Government do if every Sinn Feiner wore the same pattern of clothes, or if every one young and old, boy and girl, cut down a suitable hurley from the nearest tree and marched down the street. He appealed to the people to put their freedom before everything else, and to be always ready to defend themselves against the oppression of England. He asked them to have Sinn Fein Clubs formed every place in order that if they got the chance of a General Election they would make a clean sweep of every Nationalist constituency in Ireland, and wipe out those Nationalists who posed as the imitators of the aristocrats of the Lloyd George type.

Rev. J.W.O'MEEHAN, ~~Kinva~~ C.C.Kinvarra, was the next speaker. He referred to the growth of the Sinn Fein movement-that he had the honour in assisting in the return of Mr De Valera for East Clare-that they were carrying the country before them, and that he hoped the opportunity of a General Election would soon present itself when they would clear the country of the misrepresettatives of the Irish people. The Irish people never got anything from John Bull but coercion, penal laws and persecution, and never would get anything until they asserted their right to be a free self governing people. The life of Ireland had departed and would have been buried but for the men of Easter Week. These men were not afraid to face the might of the British Empire, and lay down their lives in order that Ireland might live. It was for them (the Sinn Feiners) to keep this spirit alive and keep that flag (pointing to a tricolour on the platform) unsullied-which was presented to them by the men of Easter Week. He then asked the Sinn Feiners to keep away from all kinds of outrages, stating that such brought discredit on their movement and were what the enemy wanted. It was not he said by lying in wait for a victim behind a ditch, or attacking a man's house at night that they would obtain their independence. Such outrages were he said the work of cowards; were un-Irish and foreign to the methods of the men of Easter Week. He was aware they had been left a legacy of such outrages by other movements, but that such would have to be obliterated by Sinn Fein, and no man admitted into its ranks who would stoop to such methods. Concluding he impressed upon them as lovers of freedom and the Sinn Fein movement that it was foreign not only to their principles, but also to patriotism, to skulk behind a ditch and fire at his fellow creature, however great an enemy he might be, under the cover of darkness.

GEORGE NICHOLLS, Galway, then proposed a vote of thanks to De Valera for attending, and for his eloquent and interesting address, and also to FRANK FAHY. In doing so he stated that all the shopkeepers in Galway had been requested to close their shops on that day. It would be observed, he said, that some did not do so, and stated that the audience knew what to do with such persons. They had a paper of their own in Galway, and it would not fail to call attention to these shopkeepers and publish their names. It would then be the duty of the Sinn Feiners to make no purchases in these shops in future.

Dr BRYAN CUSACK, Galway, then seconded the vote of thanks to De Valera and Fahy, which concluded the proceedings.

The Volunteers referred to at beginng of report then re-formed and marched in semi-Military formation round the Square, after which they left for their respective destinations.

A large tricolour flag was attached to the brake from which the speeches were delivered, and a number of smaller flags were carried by contingents attending the meeting.

In addition to the persons already mentioned suspect Colman O'Geary, Rosmuck; and Thomas Costello, Taylor's Hill, Galway; occupied seats on the platform.

Taken on the whole the meeting was very tame, and very little enthusiasm was displayed.

J Clarke
Sergt 58601.

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SECRET & CRIME SPECIAL

COUNTY OF GALWAY, W.R.
Galway, 22nd December 1917.

PROPOSED SINN FEIN PUBLIC MEETING IN GALWAY ON 1st January, 1918.

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R.I. CONSTABULARY
Received
26 DEC. 1917
Dublin Castle
CRIME SPECIAL BRANCH

I beg to report that a Sinn Fein public meeting, which is to be addressed by Edward De Valera, M.P., will be held in the Square, Galway, on Tuesday, 1st January 1918. In addition to De Valera, George Nicholls, Dr. Bryan Cusack, and L.E. O'Dea, Galway; are also to address the meeting.

So far as I can learn the meeting will be a very large one, as George Nicholls, and other local Sinn Fein leaders, are doing what they can to secure the attendance of all the young men of the surrounding districts; and on account of the date on which it is being held being a holiday many will attend who would not otherwise be present. On yesterday George Nicholls and L.E. O'Dea, Galway, visited most of the traders in the town requesting them to close their premises on that date, and so far as I can learn most of them will comply with the request. So far as the anti-Sinn Feiners of Galway are concerned they will not offer any opposition to the meeting, but it is probable some of the wives and dependents of Soldiers and Sailors may occasionally interrupt the speakers.

After the meeting a concert will be held in the Town Hall, consisting of songs, musical items, &c; and on following night, 2nd prox. a lecture on the Sinn Fein movement will be delivered in the Sinn Fein hall by Frank Fahy, who is a native of Lurgan, Galway E.R., and who received 10 years P.S. for participation in the rebellion in Dublin.

J. Clarke,
Sergt 58601.

The D.I.

District Inspector's Office.
Galway 23: 12: 1917.

C.I. Galway.
Some police should take mental notes of the speeches at the public meeting & report.
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II They need not seek admission to the indoor meetings, but should try to get reliable information as to the proceedings
H.J.
31/12

I.G.
Submitted for information
E Hildebrand D.I.

The C.I.

Galway 24.12.17

Submitted. I beg to state that I am forwarding a Crime Ordinary report on this subject by this days post.

G. B. Ruttledge
C.I.

The I.G.

County Inspector's Office,
Galway, 1st January 1917.

For information and compliance.

G. B. Ruttledge

The D.I. Galway.
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County Inspector.
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Crime Special.

Co of Galway W.R.

"Sinn Fein Concert at Kinvarra on 30-12-17."

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
Recd.
6 - JAN. 1918
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Gort 4-1-18.

Submitted. The tone of this Concert seems to have been thoroughly disloyal. Police were not present, and would probably have been refused admission. About £20 was realised. The proceeds are in aid of suspect Patrick Fahy of Ballycahalan - Peterswell, for teaching an Irish Class in Kinvarra.

W. Sidley D.I.

The C.I.

County Inspector's Office,
Galway, 5th January 1918.

Submitted. I beg to state that another file dealing with the visit of these suspects to this concert is being submitted through the C.I. Ballinasloe to-day.

G.B. Rutledge
County Inspector.

The Inspector General.

Noted
attach to B'sloe
file when recd
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Crime Special

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S. F. Concert to be held at Kinvarra

Co. of Galway W.R.
Kinvarra, 23:12:17

I beg to report that it has been arranged to hold a concert at Seamount House Kinvarra in a large out house attached to the building. It is being held on Sunday night the 30th inst and the proceeds are to go towards paying the Irish Teacher Patrick Fahy of Peterswell S.Dist., who attends here each Sunday evening to teach a class which has been organized by Father Jer. O'Meehan of Kinvarra.

There has been no public pronouncement regarding Concert for so far but tickets are being sold at 1/6d & 2/- for it and all persons are invited to attend and thus encourage the spread of Irish language. Local talent is to be engaged. Its not expected that Concert will be large or that there will be any suspects outside of Patk Fahy and the local ones at it, and as police will afterwards learn what transpires there, it will be scarcely necessary for any police to be in attendance under Sec. 51 B. of the D. R. Regulations.

The D.I. Inspector.

Hu M Caffrey Sergt 61432

Gort 24-12-17.

Please have attention paid to this matter, & report again in due course.

C. Sidley D.I.

The Sgt / Kinvarra.

Kinvarra 2 : 1 : 18

I beg to report that the concert overleaf was held at Kinvarra on night of 30th ult. There were about 200 persons present including Sinn Feiners from Co Clare & from Kilcolgan, Clarinbridge & Ardrahan Sub Dists. A sum of about £20 was realized in gate receipts. The programme which was executed by local talent was almost altogether of a Sinn Fein character, the following amongst other Sinn Fein productions being sung: "Soldiers Song" "We'll kick the English home to Blighty," "Peeler & the Goat" &c. Frank Fahy Professor Castleknock College Dublin gave a short lecture on progress of Sinn Fein movement which however contained nothing of importance. In his address he spoke about how they were to conduct themselves in the movement. That it was not to be used as a cloak for commission of outrage such as firing from behind walls at people or shooting into houses and that they could not have rowdyism carried on. Fr Geo O'Meehan Kinvarra in introducing Fahy to the crowd said that they had before them their future M.P. for Sth Galway. He introduced Edward Corbett of Killeely, Craughwell S. Dist. as the "Insurgent Leader" of Galway who had escaped from the "Irish Bloodhounds" to America. Corbett - who was one of the leaders of attack on Clarinbridge Barrack - gave a short account of his adventures in eluding pursuit of police and of his connection with Sinn Fein movement. Father O'Meehan made no speech. Beside Frank Fahy who arrived from Loughrea to attend, there were also present Joseph O'Flaherty and Bernard Fallon from Loughrea S. Dist, Patk Fahy of Lurgan, Peterswell S. Dist., and a R.C. Divinity Student from Ballymuin Sub Dist named Ryan. The whole of these suspects left in direction of their homes about 1 a.m. Dancing was kept up after concert till 7 a.m. on following day but outside of what took place inside concert room there was no noise or disturbance of any kind beyond occasional shouts of up Sinn Fein.

The Dist Inspector

H W McCaffrey Sergt 60143

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The Inspector General,

Transmitted.

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Secret to Co. Special

County of Galway – E.R. 155
Loughrea 2.1.18

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
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Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Suspects Joseph O'Flaherty
& Bernard Fahy

Submitted.

R.I. CONSTABULARY OFFICE
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10 JAN. 1918
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

Suspect Frank
Fahy.
Castleknock.

Ballinasloe 3 : 1 : 18

Submitted for information

C. A. Walsh
C.I.

Insp General

C.C. DMP.
Transmitted for information

CI for IG
4/1/18

Supt G div
W.E.J.
C Commr. ?

Noted
Owen Breen
Supt. 9/1/18

The Chief Commr

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Secret
&
Crime Special   County of Galway E. R.

Loughrea 30: 12: 17.

Suspects Joseph O'Flaherty and Bernard Fallon of Loughrea

I beg to report those two suspects left here on this date their destination being Kinvara, Fallon cycling at 11.3 am. and O'Flaherty accompanied by his wife per outside car. at 1 p.m. They travelled via the Galway Road in the direction of Faheys' Glenatallin Kilcreest Sub. District.

Frank Fahey Professor, Castleknock College Dublin, arrived home last night and I believe they called at his residence and took him on the car to Kinvara.

They are both active members of the Sinn Fein movement. O'Flaherty is the representative delegate for the South Galway Executive on the governing body of Sinn Fein, and Fallon the Secretary

It is very probable they will pay a visit to the Rev. Father O'Meehan of Kinvara

The following is O'Flaherty's description:

About 74 years, 5 ft 9 ins in height; brown eyes ordinary nose, complexion somewhat worn, fairly stout make. dark brown hair, bald on top of head. wears long beard and whiskers turning grey. respectably dressed, wears dark suit; dark overcoat and grey tilby hat

Fallons description –:

About 25 yrs of age, 5 ft 6 ins in height grey eyes reg nose, thin face, slight make, carries right leg stiff when walking, dark hair, clean shaven, dresses in dark suit: and dark tilby hat.

The D.I.

M Wagner.
Con 62451

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Loughrea 30:12:17

Transmitted. Please return through your Office.

The Sgt. Kinvara

Kinvarra. 31: 12: 17.

I beg to report that the two suspects referred to came to Kinvarra on yesterday to attend a concert organized by Father J.W. OMeehan in support of an Irish class. Frank Fahy was also present with the party. They were at Fr OMeehans residence for a considerable time with him. He parted with them about 1 a.m on this morning when they all left in direction of Loughrea. He was heard to say that he would meet them on Tuesday at Galway which is date of De Valera's meeting. Fahy I understand gave a short lecture on Sinn Fein movements progress at the concert which I will report when I am supplied with particulars. He was introduced by Fr OMeehan as next M.P. for South Galway. Father OMeehan was the only suspect seen in their company while here.

H. McCaffrey A.Sgt 60432

The D.I. Inspr.

Gort. 1- 1- 18.

Transmitted. Patrick Fahy - Ballycahalan - is the teacher of the class in question, & the concert was got up for his benefit.

D.I. Loughrea.

C. Sidley RDI

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HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

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Please quote Ref.No:-

340211/6

November 28th.1918.

Dear Watt,

Re Irish internee, FRANK FAHY, is pressing us for a reply to his petition of the 14th. November, a copy of which we forwarded to you on the 21st. November.

Yours truly,

C. A. Hunt.

Reply arrived

WM 30/11

S. Watt, Esquire,
Irish Office,
36, and 38, Old Queens Street,
S.W.1.
Dublin Castle

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26th November 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st instant (340,211/6) enclosing a Petition from Frank FAHY, one of the prisoners interned at Reading, the Chief Secretary desires me to request you to inform the Secretary of State that Fahy's application cannot be acceded to.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

W.P.J.C.

The Under Secretary of State,
Home Office,
London, S.W. 1.

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Please quote
reference No.
340,211/6.

HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
S.W.1.

21st. November, 1918.

Dear Watt,

------- I am sending you a copy of a petition received from Frank FAHY, one of the prisoners interned at Reading.

Will you let us know what reply (if any) the Chief Secretary wishes sent ?

Yours truly,

C. A. Hunt

S. Watt, Esquire.
Irish Office.
36 & 38, Old Queens Street,
LONDON.
S.W.1.

U.S.
25.11.18

Chief Secretary
Submitted. It is
assumed that Fahy's
request cannot be
acceded to.
25.11.18

I appr.
25.11.18

COPY OF PETITION.

PLACE OF INTERNMENT
READING.

To the.
Rt: Hon: His Majesty's Principal Secretary
for the Home Department.

14th November, 1918.

Sir,

Judging from the daily press of to-day, November 13th., there is a possibility of the early release of Irish internees in England, of whom I am one.

My only sister, whom I have not seen for the past ten years is a nun in St. Joseph's Convent, Broadstairs.

Naturally I am anxious to see her before my return to Ireland, particularly as she has been an invalid for a considerable time. The rules of her community debar her from visiting me.

I, therefore, respectfully petition to be allowed to go to Broadstairs before my release - such visit to be on parole.

I pledge my word to refrain from all political references at the visit, and to hold no communication, direct or indirect, with any outsiders on the journey to and from Broadstairs. As regards fares I am prepared to pay myself, if you do not see your way to give me a pass on railway.

Hoping that you will accede to my petition.

I am, Sir,

Respectfully yours,

(SIGNED). FRANK FAHY.

Reply accdly to H.O.

26.11.18

Done J.L. 26/11

Dsp. 26/11

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ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY OFFICE, DUBLIN CASTLE.

Crime Department—Special Branch.

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(The Officer to whom this File is addressed is responsible for its safe custody.)

SUBJECT Application of Rev: Vincent McCarthy, rector of Castleknock College, for the release of Frank Fahy interned at Reading.

Date 20th August 1918.

Under Secretary,

I beg to submit, as directed, a brief note re the above-named and some of his files.

This man is a dangerous rebel and ex convict and his release would be most objectionable.

It would be difficult to conceive ~~more~~ a more unsuitable occupation for a man of his type than that which the Rev: V. McCarthy suggests that Fahy should be liberated to resume, viz that of a preceptor of youths at Castleknock College.

J Byrne
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Under Secretary
Submitted for the Chief Secretary's decision
[illegible] 21/8

C.S. I do not think we [illegible] justify release to this appt.
[illegible] 21/8

So reply
[illegible]
22/8/18

Done [illegible] 23/8

I agree
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23rd August 1918.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant to the Secretary of State, Home Office, I have to inform you that the Chief Secretary is unable to accede to your application for the discharge of Frank Fahy from internment.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

J. J. Taylor.

Rev. Vincent McCarthy, C.M.
St. Vincent's College
Castleknock

Crime Special. **SECRET.**

FRANK FAHY.

Native of Glentulla, Loughrea, Co. Galway. Teacher at Castleknock College, Co. Dublin. Captain in Irish Volunteers.

While on holidays in Loughrea in Co. Galway in July-August, 1915, he associated with the leading local Suspects, including William Mellowes, who was then an Irish Volunteer organizer in that County. Was seen by the police to drill a party of Irish Volunteers at Peterswell on 15/7/15 and wore the uniform of an Irish Volunteer Officer.

Was second in command of a party of rebels at Four Courts, Dublin, during the rebellion of 1916. Was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude, and released in June, 1917.

Was in East Clare assisting De Valera during the Parliamentary Election. Was one of the signatories to the petition sent to President Wilson by the Irish Volunteers.

At Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry, on 31/7/17, addressing a Sinn Fein meeting said he was proud of having fought in Easter Week, that any concessions got were obtained by being out in the moonlight with guns and not by sending M. P's to the British House of Commons.

At Loughrea, 1/11/17 he said - we want the Sovereign Independence of Ireland and we mean to get it. We will use every means allowed by the law of God to attain it when it is demanded by the Irish people, and we will not hesitate to use the sword to attain it whenever the opportunity offers.

At Galway, 1/1/18, said - They were still out for an Irish Republic and would never rest content until they had cut themselves away from England. There are still men in Ireland who are as willing and ready to lay down their lives for the cause of Ireland a Nation as the men who died in Easter Week. They are still ready to fight tomorrow if required.

Delivered lectures on the life of P.H.Pearse at Galway 2/1/18; Abbey, Portumna 6/1/18; and at Caltra 17/3/18.

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Any communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to:—
The Under Secretary of State,
Home Office,
London, S.W. 1,
and the following number quoted:—

340,211/3.

HOME OFFICE,
WHITEHALL.

16th August, 1918.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State to forward to you herewith, to be laid before the Chief Secretary for Ireland, a letter from the Rev. Vincent MacCarthy asking for the release of FRANCIS FAHY who is interned at Reading prison .

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M L Waller.

The Under Secretary.
Dublin Castle.
Ireland.

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please ast Fahy with any file. WHC 19/8

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ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE,
CASTLEKNOCK,
DUBLIN.

HOME OFFICE
10 AUG 1918

9th August, 1918.

Sir,

Mr Francis Fahy, at present interned at Reading, has been for many years a member of the Staff of this College. At present the professorial work for the coming academic year is being allocated. A rumour reached me that Mr. Fahy's services might be available in September. Whereupon I communicated with the Governor, Place of Internment, Reading, asking for a definite pronouncement – one way or other.

The Governor advised me to communicate with the Home Office.

I am aware that I am making a very unusual request in asking for a pronouncement of Mr. Fahy's release or otherwise. But I trust you will appreciate the uncertainties with which we are dealing in forecasting the College Staff for the coming year,

I am, Sir,
Faithfully Yours,
(Rev.) Vincent McCarthy CM

The Rt. Hon.
The Home Secretary,
Home Office
Whitehall

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CO. OF GALWAY E. R.

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17 JAN. 1918
Dublin Castle
CRIME, SPECIAL BRANCH

R.I.C. Dist. Inspector's Office
Portumna 11:1: 1918.

Crime special:-
meeting at Abbey.
Ballinagar. on 6th
January.

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Submitted.

Thomas J. Dawling
D.I.

County Inspector.

Suspect Frank
Fahy - of
Dublin

Speech at Abbey School House
6/1/18.
Portumna District

Ballinasloe 12 : 1 : 18

Submitted for information. Fahy's history is well known at Head Quarters

C. A. Walsh
C.I.

Insp General

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Submitted to see A in attached report of Fahy's speech.

J. S. Holmes
for C.I.
15/1/18

Under Secretary
Submitted. It is scarcely worth while to make a report to the N.E. Board
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No W. P. B.

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17 JAN. 1918

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CO. OF GALWAY E. R.

R.I.C. Dist. Inspector's Office
Portumna 8:1: 1918.

Crime Special.
Meeting at Abbey
Ballinagar.

A separate report should have been submitted about the illegal drilling, carrying of hurleys etc.

Please make a full report now and detail all seen & heard by you & Con. McGinn. Did Con. McGinn identify any of the parties carrying hurleys? Were any of the parties drilling those reported by Con McGinn on 2:12:17.

Please state on this paper the purport of Fahy's speech. Did he make use of seditious remarks? Con McGinn should make a separate report as to the trend of the speech. Did either of you take notes?

[illegible] Dowling
DI

Sergt

Ballinagar. 9:1:1918.

I beg to report that a man, whom I believed to be a Mr. Fahy Kinvara, (a released political prisoner) gave a lecture in Abbey N. School on Sunday night, the 6th inst. I did not see this man except in the dark and I could not identify him if I saw him again. I with Con. McGinn, was about 4 yards from the school & opposite a window in the school, while the lecture was being given. The

The D.I.

The school door was closed, but I heard a good deal of the lecture. At times I could not know what he was saying, as he occasionally lowered his voice.

He gave a brief outline of the life of P. H. Pearse and what he did for Ireland.

In dealing with the food problem he said - "I do not want you not to sell your spare food supplies, but I want you to sell them to the poor in towns in Ireland - I saw the poor in Dublin half fed and half clothed". In dealing with the Irish Party he said - "any man who believed in John Redmond & followed his principles, and who did not go out to fight for small Belgium was a coward". He dwelt on how John Redmond & John Dillon did not oppose the great increase in taxation in Ireland lately. In dealing with Conscription he said - "as sure as you are there, only for Easter week, you young boys would ~~be~~ die either at home or in Flanders". In dealing with "Easter Week" he said - one hundred of us ~~knew~~ knew a week before the "rising" that it was to come off, because there were some preparations to make and I was one of the hundred - and did any one tell the Government - no - notwithstanding all their spies - Irishmen are beginning to trust one ~~an~~other. I did not hear him mentioning anything about another rising or Rebellion. I considered the ~~lec~~ lecture on the whole mild under the circumstances, and the only remarks I heard him make that I would consider anyway seditious were - "I would like to see England getting a good beating" & "you all should get armed as soon as you can". Neither of us took notes. The night was dark, cold, stormy and bitter showers occasionally.

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Con. McGlynn's statement attached. P. Mulhern Con. 59391.

Lecture by Mr Fahy
released Sinn Feinn prisoner

County Galway E.R

Ballinagar 9. 1-18

I beg to report that on the night of the 6th inst while on patrol duty (in company with Const Mulhern 59391). I saw numbers of persons enter Abbey National School where a lecture was to be given by Mr Fahy a released Sinn Feinn prisoner. Shortly afterwards I was standing on the public road opposite the school room door which was closed. I moved over towards the window of the school within a distance of about four or five yards and could hear a man speaking inside whom I believe to be Mr Fahy the released Sinn Feinn prisoner apparently giving the lecture. He said that John Redmond wanted to get all the young men of Ireland to enlist in the British Army but "he as a Sinn Feiner would not fight for England he would fight for Ireland and any supporter of John Redmond's that did not obey the command of his leader he would call him a coward. He also referred to the food question he told the farmers to keep enough food supplies for themselves and that they would sell what they did not require and that there was some childern starving in Dublin at present. If they continued to ship cattle and other food supplies over to England to feed her, there was nothing surer than there would be starvation in Ireland. But there was a move in Dublin at present to put a stop to it. He also said that they would accept of a Colonial Home Rule for Ireland but that they would not be satisfied till she would be free. He said were it not for the rising in Easter week 1916

Const Mulhern

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You young men standing here to-night would be out in the fields of Flanders or else you would die at home. There is nothing surer than Conscription would be passed for Ireland at that time for the arms were going to be seized from the volunteers and Conscription was to follow. At the conclusion he said that he would like to see England getting a good beating and for every man to arm himself as soon as possible for an unarmed man was like a woman without Chastity or a priest without sanctity.

In consequence of the School room door being closed and owing to the darkness of the night it was impossple to take down notes of the lecture.

Michael Mc Ginn
Const 68434

Ballinagar 10:1:18,
Submitted.
P Mulhern
Con. 59391.

The D.I.

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Sinn Fein & Irish Volunteer Demonstration at Abbey.

County of Galway E.R.
Ballinagar 5.1.18.

I beg to report that I got information this evening that Mr. Fahy Irish Teacher, Kinvara is coming to Abbey tomorrow night the 6th Inst. This is the man, who is selected to contest this Constituency, as a Sinn Fein candidate, against Mr. Duffy M.P., in case of a general election.

He is to arrive about 6:30 P.m. & there is to be a torch-light procession to meet him at Abbey. There is some ~~roumer~~ rumour that he is to be accompanied by a band, possibly the Leitrim (Dalystown Sub-District) band.

There is a concert and play, and afterward a dance, to be in Abbey National School tomorrow night. This dance is organized by the Abbey Sinn Fein & I. Volunteer branches.

I do not anticipate that there will be any disturbance.

P. Mulhern
Con. 59391.

The D.I.

PORTUMNA 6.1. 1918

Please report after 7th inst.
This matter should have been reported earlier.

Sergt
Ballinagar [illegible] Darling D.I.

Ballinagar 7:1:1918.

I beg to report that I with Con. M. McGinn 68,481, arrived in Abbey about 6-30 p.m. on yesterday the 6th inst. When I arrived in Abbey there was a crowd of about 60 persons assembled at the Abbey school, 10 or 12 of them having lighted torches. About 40 of them were lined up four deep. Immediately after I arrived Wm Lynch Garrynaclough (Abbey) gave the following commands — "Company attention, quick mark time, right wheel, by the left quick march." The party marched about 60 yards — from the school to Holihans public house — Lynch (accompanied by Captain Fahy, who arrived about 6 p.m.) marched in front of the company and when at the latter place gave the company — "halt, right turn, dismiss" Some of the boys who were marching carried lighted torches, others hurleys, two of them carried a banner, and four of them carried violins which they played on, as they marched. It was dark at the time and the light of the torches being bad, I could not ~~idet~~ identify the persons who carried the hurleys nor could I discern what inscription was on the banner. About 20 persons (girls & small boys) walked after the procession. Some time after the school was opened & a large crowd entered, songs were sung & some exhibitions in step-dancing given. Captain Fahy gave a lecture on "the life of P.H. Pearse, the Food problem, the Irish Party, Conscription & Easter Week" after which the audience left the school and dispersed. The proceedings lasted from about 7½ to 10 p.m. A number of boys & girls re-assembled in the school and held a dance there. There was no band in attendance nor was there a play. I am informed that a crowd of persons, some of them carrying lighted torches, marched out half a mile the road to meet Fahy when he was coming. All passed off quietly.

This concert was got up suddenly and few people except those immediately concerned knew anything about it till Sunday morning the 6th inst, when printed notices were posted up at Abbey & Ballinakill chapels announcing that a concert would be held in Abbey school on 6th inst & that Commandant Fahy would give a lecture on the life of P.H. Pearse. I am informed that it was last Thursday that Fahy agreed to come to Abbey. I did not hear it till Saturday & consequently could not have reported it sooner

The D.I.

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County of Galway E.R.

Loughrea 7: 1: 18.

Sinn Fein Concert at Abbey, Ballinagar, on 6th Inst.

I beg to report at 4:30 p.m. on yesterday the 6th Inst: Suspects Frank Fahey of Glenatallen Bernard Fallon, and James Flynn of Loughrea left here per outside car to attend a Sinn Fein Concert at Abbey.

A lecture was to be delivered by Fahey on the life of the late P. H. Pearse.

They returned here at an early hour this morning. Fahey did not put up in the town but left directly to his home at Glenatallen, Kilreekil.

M. Magner.
Con 62056.

The D.I.

Loughrea 7.1.18

Submitted.

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Ballinasloe 8 : 1 : 18

Transmitted for report please.

C. S. Walsh

C.I.

D. I. Portumna 11:1:18

I beg to submit report herewith.

D.I.

County Inspector.

Ballinasloe 12 : 1 : 18

Submitted for information in connection with the accompanying file re Frank Fahey

C. A. Walsh

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(The Officer to whom this File is addressed is responsible for its safe custody.)

SUBJECT Suspect Frank Fahy of Dublin

Speech at Closetoken. Loughrea District. Galway. 6/1/18

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Submitted for information.

Fahy is a native of this district, & resides in Dublin, teaching at Castleknock College.

He has been at home since 29th ult. & was one of the speakers at de Valera's meeting in Galway on 1st inst.

He has been a Dublin suspect for years.

J. Byrne
I.G.

Under Secretary

Submitted to see. Fahy, it is stated, will be the Sinn Fein candidate for South Galway at the next Parly Election. W.D.H. 10/1/18.

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Speech of Frank Fahy

I beg to report that Frank Fahy addressed the Congregation about 80 persons after 11 am Mass at Closetoken on this date. A written notice was posted up before mass saying that a meeting would be held after mass He said as follows My first duty is to Condemn the outrages which were Committed in Clare and Galway as it is not Sinn Fein They had the Credit of getting German Gold but that idea was now surely burst up Food was very scarce in England at the present time and it behoved the Irish farmers to look out for themselves as there are returns of the Crops taken by the Government He said the people of this Country should keep the food necessary for themselves at home, and if force was used to Compel them part with their food stuffs they should use force if necessary to keep it and not have a repitition of the famine of 46 & 47 We are taking return of the Crops presently and I trust accurate information will be given I am sure you have all heard of the Sugar Cards Well now they are used for the purpose of rationing Sugar and I believe all other food stuffs will be rationed later on I wish to bring under your notice the question of Banks as the Belfast and Ulster Banks are amalgamated with English ones and as Bonar Law said were it not for America England would not be able to go on with the war as she was near a State of Bankruptcy He referred to Easter week and said were it

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not the events that happened then that some of those present would probably be mouldering in the clay in Flanders The war Costing roughly speaking seven Millions a day which means that taxation will seriously effect the farmers As Lloyd George said he has the machinery for putting the tax in force but could not do so until the war was over He referred to Mr J Redmond and said he was not always so far down as he is now and quoted from a Speech he had made in 1902 relative to Englands treatment of Ireland Some cheering took place when Fahy referred to Easter week and when done speaking which was about 20 minutes Martin Ryan of Cahertinny this Sub Dist was Chairman of the meeting

P Connolly Sgt 53638

Loughrea 7: 1: '18.

Submitted. Martin Ryan of Cahertinny is a farmer. He is a strong supporter of Sinn Fein.

Frank Fahy is a professor of languages at Castleknock College. He is a native of Kilcreest Sub. Dist. where his father was a National School teacher. Fahy was sentenced to 10 years penal servitude for his part in the rebellion in Dublin in Easter Week. He will be the Sinn Fein Candidate at next Elections for M. P. ship for South Galway, hence his present [illegible] activities.

R. Dwyer DI

CI.

Ballinasloe 8 : 1 : 18

Submitted for information

C.A. Walsh CI

Inspr General

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COUNTY OF GALWAY, W.R.

Galway, 4th January 1918.

CONCERT, and LECTURE ON LIFE OF LATE P.H.PEARSE, Rebel leader, IN TOWN HALL, GALWAY, ON 2nd January, 1918.

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I beg to report a lecture on the life of the late P.H.Pearse, rebel leader, was delivered in the Town Hall, Galway on night of 2nd inst, by suspect Frank Fahy, Dublin.

The lecture was preceded by a short concert, consisting of the singing of Irish national songs, &c, of which Miss Violet Gore, Dublin; Mrs Sean Connolly, (widow of the late rebel leader) Dublin; Gerald Croft, Dublin; and Paul Cusack, Granard, Co. Longford were the chief contributors. Amongst the songs sang were, I am told, "The Soldier's Song"; "The Jackets Green"; "Ireland Over All"; "Sinn Fein Amhain"; and "Wrap the Green Flag Round Me".

Police were not present at this concert or lecture, but I have been told by one of the audience that the proceedings were very tame, and that little enthusiasm was displayed. The lecturer began his lecture by stating that the subject of it, Patrick H. Pearse, and himself, lay together on the green in Arbour Hill Barracks the day before Pearse was executed. His lecture was a general exposition of the life of Pearse and his character; his religious convictions; his attachment to his family; his work in the Gaelic movement; and his love of Ireland. He dealt with the many incidents of his life; the part he took in the various national movements; the taking of himself away from the I.P. Party, because he saw this party were content to let Ireland remain an English province; his work in connection with the Irish Volunteers; the events preceding and during Easter Week; his taking the responsibility for the rebellion on his own shoulders; his resignation to his fate after conviction by Court Martial, when he knew he was dying for Ireland; how he spent his last hours writing poetry; and concluded by reading what he described as the last letter of Pearse to his mother.

Admission to the concert and lecture was by ticket- the prices being same as on previous night; -3/-; 2/-; 1/-; and -/6. It is believed between £10 and £15 was realised- which is to go to the funds of the local Sinn Fein Club.

J. Clarke
Sergt 58601.

The D.I.

U.S.
Submitted in continuation of 158 S/2752 17549/S 3/1/18. to see attached press report of speech by Father O'Meehan.
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Under Secretary
Submitted to see.
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W.H. 8/1/18.

J.G.W.H.
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Submitted P.J. Killackey Hd/Con 43 n9 D.I. Leane

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thanked the audience for its large attendance, &c, after which himself, De Valera, suspect Frank Fahy, Dublin, suspect Patrick O'Malley, Leenane, Thomas O'Malley, Galway, L.E. O'Dea, Galway; Dr Bryan Cusack, Galway; J. O'Flaherty, Loughrea, Edward Corbett, Killeeneen, Galway E.R.; Michael Thornton, Spiddal; most of the artists who performed at the concert, Rev J.W. O'Meehan, C.C. Kinvarra; Rev T. Burke, C.C., Galway; Rev M. Moran, P.P. Claregalway; and about ten other local Sinn Feiners, retired to the Council Chamber in the Town Hall, where a reception was given.

I attach a cutting from the "Connacht Tribune" of 5th inst, giving particulars of proceedings at this reception. A reporter of this paper was present, and at first his presence was objected to owing to the paper which he represented being opposed to the Sinn Fein, but on Rev J.W. O'Meehan stating that there was nothing hidden in connection with the proceedings this objection was withdrawn. I had an interview with this reporter and he told me attached was a correct account of what took place, and a verbatum report of the speeches, &c.

I may mention that the "Galway Express" (the local Sinn Fein organ) does not publish the proceedings at this reception, which shows that it is not the wish of the Sinn Fein party that the proceedings should get publication.

J. Clarke,
Sergt 58601.

Submitted
M. Killacky H/Const 3049 Dt. Leane

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CLERGYMAN DECLARES THAT IT HAS "NO MORAL RIGHT IN IRELAND."

Speeches at Sinn Fein Reception.

After the Sinn Fein concert at Galway, a reception was given in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall. Mr. L. E. O'Dea, solr., who presided, had on his right Commandant de Valera, and on his left, Capt. Fahy, B.A.

Father O'Meehan proposed the first toast, "The Irish Republic." Toasts were not welcome guests in a gathering like that, but he would not detain them long. He felt that in honouring the toast of the Irish Republic they were saluting the Republic, because it symbolised the idea of complete freedom, for which their heroes suffered and struggled and died, and for which thousands of Irishmen and women were willing to suffer and struggle and die again (applause). It was a fundamental principle of Christian teaching that all power and authority came from Above. St. Paul made that clear when he said no power came except from God. In the early Middle Ages there was a dispute as to whether authority came directly to the rulers and indirectly to the people, or directly to the people and indirectly to the rulers, but he thought that the theory of the Divine Right of Kings had been long since exploded (laughter). Some time ago he came across a volume of Swaney, the great theologian of the 16th century, and he proved beyond yea or nay that authority came to the people first and was delegated by them to the rulers. His views and principles became the common teaching of the Church, so that we might take it as in accordance with Catholic principle that the power which rulers possessed was given by God to the people first, and transferred by them to the Government. Applying this to our own country, it seemed to him, as far as his own humble point of view was concerned, that the English authority in this country began in usurpation, and was still usurping an authority which never had been given to it either by the expressed or the tacit consent of the people (applause). Even when the Irish people consented to send representatives to the British House of Commons, they were sent there to get as much liberty as they could, and not to "set bounds to the onward march of a nation," so that the original protest had not been interrupted or stultified by such a delegation. At home and abroad, why do they find next to the picture of the Madonna the picture of Robert Emmet? Because he represented the ideal of Irish freedom. The Irish people in honouring his memory honoured the cause for which he stood—the ideal of the absolute independence of Ireland. It was said by some theologians that a power which began as an usurpation might become lawful after a time by the silent acquiscence of the conquered, but the rev. speaker reviewed in some detail the history of Ireland to show that the people never gave even a tacit consent to the English usurpation of this country ("Never."), and he held, as far as his own private views and conscience were concerned, that the English authority here was not morally right, and that as Christian men we were justified in striving by might and main and determination to attain the freedom enshrined in the ideal of an Irish Republic (applause). It was mistrust that saved nations many a time when they could not give a reason for the faith that was in them, and as proof of this he instanced the rejection of that horrible abortion, the Irish Council's Bill. Even in the hearts of those Irishmen bought by our enemies to oppress us, there was the divine instinct of freedom. This instinct was God-given, and, therefore, indestructible, and what God gave it did not lie in the mouth of anybody to recall (applause). They stood for an Irish Republic, whose aim and ideal would be a power that would support, Truth, Justice and Righteousness, a Republic in which the democracy would have their fair share of the things that were going, in which all would be equal in a grand, Christian, Catholic Ireland, and in which our fellow-countrymen who differed from us in religion would have that mercy shown them which they themselves could not give (loud applause).

The toast having been honoured with enthusiasm the Chairman proposed the toast of their guests, Commandant de Valera and Capt. Fahy. In the course of his remarks, he said that they must all recognise that the English people came to this country without any right whatever. Henry II. claimed to be authorised by a Papal Bull, which no one ever saw, and, even though he had it, he said, with all respect, the Pope had no more right to decide the temporal government of a country than any ordinary living man. Since Ireland had been deprived of her Parliament, she had been robbed wholesale to the tune of £400,000,000 at least, and the robbery was only beginning, for the taxation had been raised from 9 to 30 millions a year. Having dealt with the events of Easter Week, 1916. and the part which their distinguished guests played in them, the Chairman said they might be a misguided or ignorant, but they were not an ungrateful, people.

Mr. De Valera having responded to the toast, which was duly honoured,

Captain Fahy paid tribute to the hospitality of the City, which proved that the spirit of the Gael still survived there. Some people said there was not a good spirit in Galway, but he did not believe it There was a hard crust of slavery in parts of Ireland, but it could be worn off. The spark of freedom could still be kindled. It had been kindled in many parts of Ireland, and it had been kindled in Galway that day (applause). They should rejoice that they had any friends to support them after all the evil teaching of years, and the want of education, and the false gospels that had been preached. They looked upon the honour not as a personal one, but as a mark of approval of the fact that people were willing to make a protest in blood on behalf of Ireland's freedom (applause). It was a great thing that in the town of Galway they could now speak publicly of an Irish Republic, and not in secret. If anybody told them 3 months after the Rebellion that in a year's time they could fly the flag of the Irish Republic and advocate the Republic, he would not be believed. There was reason to hope that before many more future gatherings went by, they would grasp each others' hands as free men of a free Irish Republic (loud applause).

The health of Father Feeney, proposed by Mr. Corbett, and Sean Mellows, proposed by Mr. Nicolls, having been drank, songs were contributed by Mr. Paul Cusack, Messrs. Fleming ("Convict 95," i.e., De Valera), O'Halloran, Father Moran (a traditional song in Irish), G. Nicolls, Staunton, Capt. Corbett and Dr. Cusack. Mr. Michael Thornton, D.C, Spiddal, contributed a recitation in Irish. Mr. O'Flaherty, an old Fenian, also contributed to the evening's festivities. ✗